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"*As for me and my house we will serve the Lord.*"—JOSHUA XXIV. 15.

"*Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.*"—MATT. XVIII. 20.

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OUR Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our treſpaſſes, as we forgive them that treſpaſs againſt us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

INTRODUCTION.

"Before thou doeſt anything elſe, be careful to conſecrate the firſt-fruits of the day, and the very beginnings of thy holy thoughts, to the ſervice of God. And when the day is ended, and the night cometh on, fall down and worſhip Him, who made the day and the night to give thee joy and rest."—*St. Baſil.*

In the church, the home, and the cloſet we offer up what we have to say to God as human beings, as members of a family, and as individuals. If we do not confine our devotions to the privacy of the chamber, in which no eye is upon us but that of Him who ſeeth in ſecret, it ſeems natural that in bending the knee before the throne of grace, the firſt of our brethren whom we ſhould deſire to join, ſhould be thoſe of our own home, thoſe whom we moſt love. And where, if not in our homes, have we cauſe for ſeeking God with our pſalms of thankſgiving and our prayers?

Conſider what are the ordinary circumſtances of a family each morning. Not only do we enjoy numberleſs gifts in common with all mankind, but God has alſo again given us to one another—the wife to the huſband, the parent to the child, the ſiſter to the brother, the ſon and the daughter to the father and mother. If we think what would be

our deſolation of heart if one were taken from us, we ſhall ſurely wiſh to offer up our gratitude for the dear ones ſtill around us, and ſtill permitted to go on with us in life's pilgrimage. And have we no eſpecial bleſſings to aſk for that cheriſhed ſpot, around which cluſter our holieſt human affections? If in our cloſets we have much to ſay of what concerns us as individuals, and in our churches of what concerns us as members of the great community of men, ſurely we ſhall have ſupplications to make reſpecting that moſt cloſe and endearing fellowſhip, by which the ſolitary are gathered into families. When we think of the changes which time brings with it, it is natural that our love, which delights to embody itſelf both in deeds and ſpeech, ſhould take the form of prayer to the Father of our ſpirits, the giver of every good and perfect gift.

There are alſo many duties and reſponſibilities which are peculiarly ours in common with thoſe who dwell with us in one home. Shall we not deſire companionſhip in acknowledging them, and imploring the help and forgiveneſs we need? And in our family relation we ſhall not forget that God has made our home-ties an emblem of the ties by which He would unite all mankind, and that Jeſus Chriſt has called the lowlieſt of us brother, and bid us addreſs the infinitely wise and holy One as "our Father in heaven?"

It will, I believe, be found a characteriſtic of the following prayers, that frequent mention is made—not, I hope, in a manner unbecoming or objectionable in any way—of departed friends. Regarding

heaven as no leſs real than Rome or Jeruſalem, the early Chriſtians, when they had a brother at Rome and a ſiſter in heaven, or a mother in heaven and a father in Jerusalem, did not leave one out of their thoughts, as they drew near to Him whose children are "one family in heaven and on the earth;" and accordingly I have not been unmindful of thoſe of our family who are in heaven; I cannot aſcend in ſpirit to the very place where they are, and think and feel as though they were not.

I have not called the preſent volume a ſecond edition, for in truth it is almoſt a new work. The ſelected prayers in my former volume have been entirely omitted in this, as the works from which they were taken can be procured. I have alſo omitted the Two Forms of Worſhip for the Lord's Day, thinking that their place has been more than ſupplied in the "*Book of Common Prayer for Chriſtian Worſhip.*" Not a few of the following prayers will, I truſt, be found to contain "some of the beſt ſayings of the holy fathers." A part of my preparation for this work has been a ſtudy of the choiceſt devotional writings of various ages and denominations; and I have never heſitated to make uſe of paſſages or phrases, which ſeemed to me better to expreſs my feelings and wants, than any language of my own. Indeed the beſt devotional language ſeems to have become common property; even Auguſtine and Jeremy Taylor, as well as thoſe, who in our own time have moſt ſucceſsfully endeavoured to give expreſſion to the ſpirit of prayer, have confeſſed their great obligation to kindred writers who have gone before them.

And now let me ſay a few words as to the uſe of theſe prayers. I cannot help thinking that much of the diſappointment frequently expreſſed in connexion with works for Family Devotion ariſes from unreaſonable expectations. How often is it expected that every prayer ſhall be not merely *ſuited* to every houſehold, but even meet its *ſpecific* wants! The head of the family is too apt to ſuppoſe that all he has to do is to procure a Book, and, turning to the day of the week, read on. Now my object is to *help* him, but not to ſave him all thought and care. To him muſt it be left to make thoſe additions and omiſſions, or thoſe ſelections, by which alone appropriateneſs can be ſecured. There is indeed one prayer, which never needs alteration, and is ſuitable to all circumſtances—I mean of courſe that prayer, which from its comprehenſive ſimplicity, and from love for him whoſe name it bears, and not from any ſuperſtitious feeling about words, I have included in the morning or evening ſervice of every day;* but in a collection of forms like the present ſome ſacrifice of univerſal applicability may be allowed for the ſake of advantages to be gained by variety. In one prayer imagery may be borrowed from bright and joyous objects of outward nature; in another there may be a more penſive tone. It is for him who conducts the family worſhip to note theſe differences and to be mindful of their uſe. I repeat it is no part of my object, nor would it be deſirable, to ſave him the trouble of *thinking* what he is about

* Sunday is excepted becauſe on that day the Lord's Prayer uſually forms part of the Public Worſhip.

to read at the Altar on the hearth, which he has dedicated to the moſt High.

I would recommend that a portion of Scripture ſhould be read daily before Morning or Evening Prayer. It will help to ſecure a familiarity with the Holy Scriptures, which will be found of ineſtimable value in the duties of life, and a great comfort in its trials.

At the end of the volume is a ſeries of collects, to be introduced on eſpecial occaſions. Some of theſe collects refer to the principal epochs in the Chriſtian year and the natural year. Seaſons of trouble and gladneſs need alſo their appropriate utterance. It will, I think, be in accordance with the feelings of thoſe who worſhip in the family to refer to ſuch important events as the birth of a child and the marriage of a ſon or daughter. And when the anniverſary of the death of a dear friend comes round, all will wiſh to add to the ordinary prayer the Collect in commemoration of the faithful departed.

HAMPSTEAD.

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FIRST WEEK.

SUNDAY MORNING.

O GOD our Father, who haſt made us glad with the tokens of thy love, with the glad tidings of Jeſus Chriſt; we thank thee for the return of our day of reſt. Forgive us that only in ſuch imperfect accents we can liſp thy praiſe; O may our poor words mingle with a leſs unworthy offering, even that of thy ſaints, who caſt their crowns before thee, as they ſing, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty. From thee, O Lord, we receive, not only the breath which ſuſtains our bodies, but alſo our good thoughts and feelings; do thou ſo increaſe and multiply them that the longer we live the better we may ſerve thee, both with our lips and in our lives. Forgive us that our hearts are ſo often ill-prepared for thoſe gifts, which becauſe they are beſt thou art ever moſt ready to beſtow, even

thoſe of thine own Spirit. May we this day feel ſympathy with the ſolemnities of thy houſe, when in the company of brethren we lift up our voices in prayer and liſten to thy precepts. May we not be as thoſe who hear and underſtand not, or who underſtand and obey not. Quicken our faith, and our hope, and our charity, and may we return to our worldly calling with renewed ſtrength, and go on our way with freſh heart and hope till the journey of life is done. Then, O Lord God, in thy fatherly mercy, receive us into the reſt and joy of that eternal ſtate, which thou haſt revealed to us by Jeſus Chriſt. Amen.

SUNDAY EVENING.

IN communion with thee, O Lord our God, we would now cloſe our day of reſt and of prayer, deeply grateful for its unſpeakable bleſſings and privileges. May thy word, to which we have liſtened, go with us as a word of power, and bring forth the fruits of well-doing, and of generous and devout affections. We would be ourſelves thoughtful of what thou wouldſt have us to do, but we would place

our greateſt reliance on the helps of which thou haſt given us aſſurance in Jeſus Chriſt. O ſuffer not our worldly pleaſures and occupations to render us forgetful of thee, as they ſo often have done in time paſt, but may this day ſhed its hallowed influence over the whole week, calming the tumult of paſſion, and amidſt our temptations reminding us of the free and loving ſervice by which the true diſciple of thy Son is known. O God our Father, may all who are dear to us be rich in Chriſtian bleſſings; and may thoſe who have received thy holy Goſpel labour to make it known to others. We thank thee that we may look forward to the time, when by the might of thy Spirit all nations ſhall be brought to a knowledge of thy great love in Jeſus Chriſt. So may thy kingdom come, and thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

MONDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father; after the holy reſt thou haſt vouchſafed to us, may we go forth to the active duties of the week with freſh energy of body

and ſpirit; and may we carry with us into our earthly occupations ſomething from the heaven we have viſited in our meditations and prayers. Let no earthly cares, no mere temporal gain or pleaſure, cauſe us to forget that beſides this viſible world, which we muſt leave in a few years, we have part in a glorious and eternal world, in which thou dwelleſt. Give us grace, O Lord God, to go on our way rejoicing, making thy law the rule of our lives, following the holieſt examples, and clinging to our Saviour with our hearts. Wherein in the week that is paſt we have done wrong or omitted any duty, may we amend our lives in the new time which thou haſt given us. Then, O everbleſſed Father, withhold not from us the forgiveneſs and help we need. Thou who haſt created the ſun to enlighten our bodies, leave not our minds in darkneſs; thou who haſt made earth beautiful with flowers and rich with fruits, bleſs abundantly our efforts to cultivate the graces of thy Spirit, and the fruits of holy living. Look down, and have mercy on us, and all thy ſervants; uphold us in thy ways; and grant that during our pilgrimage in this world, we may live in purity and in perfect charity, having a knowledge of the truth as it is in Jeſus. Our Father, &c.

MONDAY EVENING.

THOU Father of our ſpirits, we come to thee with grateful hearts to cloſe the day which thou haſt given us, and to commit ourſelves to thy keeping for the night to which thou haſt brought us. We thank and bleſs thee for thy goodneſs to us, for what thou art to us; and we would worſhip and adore thee as beſt we can with our poor words for what thou art in thyſelf. We look up to thy will as the higheſt good for thy creatures; in our joyful times we would follow it with loving obedience, and in our days of ſorrow ſubmit to it with filial truſt. Write thy law, O Lord God, on the living tablets of our hearts; and if we are apt to be weary in well-doing, and to be drawn away by evil things, remember, we beſeech thee, that we are only children, who a little while ago were not, though by thy Son thou haſt now opened to us the gates of thy eternal kingdom. With thy forgiving mercy, blot out our iniquities; with thy fatherly grace, hold us up in every hour of difficulty and danger. We thank thee, O God, for the ſecurity and peace, with which we can commit ourſelves, and all who are dear to us, into thy hands for this

night. The perils of darkneſs, the defenceleſs hours of ſleep, the frailties of our mortal ſtate, make us not afraid, when we feel thine eye of love upon us, thine arm of might ſtretched out above us. And thou wilt not forget any one of thy children; thou who art the refuge of the lowly, rememberеſt even thoſe who have not thee in their thoughts. Bleſſed be the Lord God, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our ſalvation; bleſſed be his glorious name for ever and ever. Amen.

TUESDAY MORNING.

O GOD, we come to thee, the almighty, the eternal, our Father, to thank thee for the reſt of another night, and to beſeech thee to be with us during another day. Thou *wilt* be with us, O Father, and on thee will we lay all our cares; we will look to thee for all good. Thou who numbereſt the hairs of our head wilt not ſuffer any real harm to approach us, or permit us to want anything that is needful for our true well-being. But above all outward gifts we pray for thy Holy Spirit

to guide us and preſerve us in the way of Jeſus Chriſt, that we may be his diſciples both in name and deed. We thank thee that we can look to thee as a Father, who wilt not only forgive our ſins, but alſo help us to overcome our weakneſſes and to grow in wiſdom and in ſtrength. May we feel more and more how bleſſed it is to do thy will. May we love all our brethren and daily become more worthy of being loved by the good. In the beauty of thy works, in the affection of thoſe who are dear to us, and in thy providential care, thou doſt encompaſs us with conſtant tokens of thy grace. May thy love to us unite us to one another in cloſe and holy bonds; and may thoſe, who are eſpecially dear to us here, be near and dear to us in heaven. O merciful God, thou art a father to all thy people; give them a true knowledge of thee, eſtabliſh peace and good will upon earth, and ſuſtain and comfort thoſe who are in pain or ſorrow. We would aſk every bleſſing in the faith and ſpirit of Jeſus Chriſt. Our Father, &c.

TUESDAY EVENING.

GOD moſt high; we come to thee to bring our evening thanks, and to aſk thy evening bleſſing. Another day bears teſtimony to thy fatherly goodneſs; another night reminds us how ſoon we ſhould faint and die, if thou didſt not renew our powers. We are grateful for this quiet ſeaſon, in which we can think of theſe things, and of thy great love to us, and lift up our hearts to thee in adoration and prayer. Increaſe in us, O gracious Father, the ſpirit of love and of truth and of holineſs, that we may live before thee and with one another as faithful diſciples of thy Son. Alas, we have often acted as if we had no intereſts but thoſe of this world, and ſuffered ourſelves to be guided by a poor earthly wiſdom, when thou haſt vouchſafed to us wiſdom from above. Thou, O merciful Father, ſeeſt into each heart and knoweſt all that is there that ſhould not be, and all that is not there that ſhould be; forgive our ſins, have compaſſion on our weakneſs, and in the time of temptation be to us a very preſent help. Let thy peace now deſcend upon us, and abide with us; and like the ſtillneſs of night let it encompaſs the multi-

tude of our brethren, and bring a reſt even ſweeter to their ſpirits, than that of ſleep to their bodies. To thy keeping we rejoice to commit all who are dear to us. They are thine, O holy Father, and we are thine, and thou wilt take care of them and us for ever and ever. Amen.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY God, we would receive this new day as a gracious gift from thee, and fervently thank thee for it. In its light may no works of darkneſs be wrought by our hands. And do thou ſend down upon us that other yet more bleſſed light of thy truth to guide and ſanctify us in all we do and think. Open the eyes of our minds, that we may ſee what is good, and what thou requireſt of us. O God, may we feel all the day long that thou art near us, and truſt all whom we love and all our intereſts to thy fatherly care. Keep us from the evil there is in the world. If temptation aſſail us, be eſpecially near to aid and ſtrengthen us. Give us grace ſo to learn from thy goodneſs, that while we ourſelves enjoy thy bounties, our hearts may be filled with kindneſs and goodwill towards our fellow-men. O heavenly Father, may

our lives be ſimple and true, as our Lord Jeſus Chriſt has taught us they ſhould be, and as we know they will be, if we look daily to thee for that light and ſtrength, which thou haſt promiſed to thy faithful children. Our Father, &c.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

O GOD our heavenly Father, we would bow before thee with grateful, loving, and obedient hearts. We thank thee for all the bleſſings of this day; for its enjoyments, for its divine leſſons, for its intercourſes of friendſhip, and for its opportunities of well-doing. This and every day we would praiſe thy ſacred name for the love of Jeſus Chriſt to us, for thy grace and mercy through him, for the promiſe of forgiveneſs to the penitent, for bright lights to guide our footſteps, for the aſſiſtance of thy Spirit, and for the proſpect of a life to come, holy, happy and immortal. Pardon us, we beſeech thee, wherein we have failed in ſingleneſs of purpoſe, in induſtry, in perſeverance, in watchfulneſs, or in any Chriſtian diſpoſition or virtue. O may we not have lived this day in vain. Pilgrims to the heavenly country,

may we not have ſpent unprofitably to ourſelves and others a portion of time which cannot be recalled. Moſt gracious and merciful God, let this ſeaſon of reſt be entirely free from ſin as from labour and ſorrow. May no thoughts diſpleaſing to thee have place in our hearts. We thank thee for the happy confidence which the knowledge of thy almighty Providence gives us with regard to all whom we love, whether among the living or the dead. We would remember eſpecially before thee our own friends, and the poor. Multiply, we beſeech thee, thy gifts on our beloved Sovereign, and grant that the knowledge of thee through Jeſus Chriſt may carry life and gladneſs to all mankind. Amen.

THURSDAY MORNING.

VERBLESSED God and Father, the voice of morning again calls us together around the altar, which we have raiſed to thee in our home. It is thou who giveſt us our peaceful reſt, and openeſt to us the duties and enjoyments of the new day. Never for an hour doſt thou leave us without a witneſs of thyſelf; O may we never doubt that thou loveſt us and wilt take care of us. We deſire to offer to

thee the obedience of loving children, who know and feel that all which thou requireſt of us, is wiſe and good. May nothing be ſo dear to us in this world as to be partakers of thy Son's ſpirit, that faith and charity may rule our lives, and make us at laſt fit to enter upon the bleſſed companionſhip and enlarged beneficence of our eternal home. Quicken in us every pure and virtuous feeling. We lament that we have ſo often neglected the guidance of thy Holy Spirit, but may the thought of thy forgiving love touch our hearts, and cauſe us to ſearch and try our ways, and turn again to thee. O Father Almighty, let the light of thy countenance always ſhine upon us, that we may never go aſtray, and that having done our duty and borne our croſs as thy true children during our earthly pilgrimage, we may at length be perfected by thy grace in heaven. All our prayers we humbly offer up as diſciples of Jeſus Chriſt. Our Father, &c.

THURSDAY EVENING.

O GOD, our heavenly Father, we bleſs thee for this day, and all its many good gifts to us; and we thank thee

for that ſtillneſs and thoſe ſhadows of night, which bring home our thoughts from the cares and duties of the world to thee and our own hearts. O Lord, may thy peace reſt upon us now. We know that while we ſleep thou doſt ſtretch forth thine hand to do us good. When we awake with powers renewed, O may we live as thoſe who have been taught by thee the holy and bleſſed purpoſes of our earthly exiſtence. Continue to us the helps we have neglected; and as our fathers found thee plenteous in mercy, ſo may we with truſtful hearts haſten to bring to thee fruits meet for repentance. The darkneſs overſhadoweth us, but let there be no darkneſs within us. Diſpel from our ſouls, we beſeech thee, all darkneſs of error and ignorance that might hinder us in the bleſſed paths of thy commandments. In the light of thy countenance, and with an earneſt purpoſe to ſerve thee faithfully, may each of us ſo work, while it is called to-day, that, when the night of death cometh, we may be enabled to ſay from our hearts as we do now,— I will lay me down to ſleep and take my reſt, for thou, Lord, makeſt me dwell in ſafety. Then, O our Father, may we awake to realize the bleſſed hopes, which thou haſt vouchſafed to us in Jeſus Chriſt. Amen.

FRIDAY MORNING.

GOD, our heavenly Father, again doſt thou gladden us with the ſweet light, and again would we lift up our hearts to thee in thankfulneſs and prayer. We thank thee that we may regard life's daily bleſſings as gifts of thy fatherly Providence, and tokens of thy fatherly love. We thank thee for the light and the love which are a part of our earthly lot, and ſtill more for that light of divine truth and that heavenly love, which are ours as diſciples of Jeſus Chriſt. We thank thee for every loving heart thou haſt turned towards us, and for every holy example thou haſt cauſed to ſhine in our path. Give us ſeeing eyes and quicken our ſpirits that we may omit no part of our duty. O Lord, ſave us from the ſin of paſſing through life without ſincerely loving both thee and our fellow-men. May we make it our conſtant care to fill well our part in the great family of mankind. Thou knoweſt how far we have fallen ſhort both of the purity and of the charity of thy holy Goſpel; but we bring our hearts to thee as they are, beſeeching thee to fill them with thy grace, that thy law may be our meditation and delight. We thank thee that we may

come to thee in our weakneſſes, aſſured that thou wilt not turn away thine ear, or thy mercy from us. May thy bleſſing reſt upon us and all who are dear to us; ſupply our wants both outwardly and inwardly. May both our joys and ſorrows draw us nearer to thee, and be rich in a peace which this world can neither give nor take away. So, O Lord God, may we be thine in Chriſt for evermore. Amen.

FRIDAY EVENING.

FATHER Almighty, we come to thee to aſk reſt for our minds and our bodies, and thy evening bleſſing on ourſelves and all who are dear to us. In thy ſtrength alone can we be ſtrong, in thy ſhelter ſafe, in thy love happy. We pray thee let ſucceſs attend the work of our hands, but we deſire to aſk it with ſubmiſſion. Still more would we aſk the gifts of thy Spirit, which are the ſource of our true life and joy. Grant that in us the fleſh and the ſpirit may keep their rightful places. Save us, O Lord, from a worldly and ſelfiſh life, when thou haſt given us conſcience, and ſweet and heavenly affections, and

the precepts of thy Son, and the promiſes of thy Goſpel to lead us in a better way. We thank thee for all that is precious to us, the friends we moſt love, the gifts we moſt value, the experiences that are richeſt to us in wiſdom. This and every day we would remember that thoſe things which moſt ſeem our own are the gifts of thy love. And we would further thank thee that thou art wonderful in mercy to forgive, as well as to help, for all we like ſheep have gone aſtray. Accept us, O Lord, as we are, and make us what we ſhould be, through thy Son, Jeſus Chriſt, our Saviour. Our Father, &c.

SATURDAY MORNING.

O GOD our Father, we thank thee for adding this day to our lives, and for the renewal of our powers. We gratefully receive from thee this morning light, and all the bleſſings which accompany it. May we never forget that fatherly lovingkindneſs, which never ceaſes to do us good; and may we make it our firſt care to live as thy children, whom thou haſt placed in this world for a few years to prepare for the life which ſhall have no end. Weak though we

are in ourſelves, we yet feel that we may look to thee for effectual help to reſiſt our temptations. Forgive us, wherein through our own fault we have failed in our duty, as we have ſo often done in the time that is paſt. We thank thee for the many aids which thou haſt vouchſafed to us, and eſpecially for thy infinite goodneſs and mercy to us in Jeſus Chriſt, thy Son. On each one of us may thy peace deſcend and reſt all the day. As thou haſt united our intereſts, ſo unite our hearts; and to all our brethren of mankind unite us, we beſeech thee, in the charity of the Goſpel, and the love of thy holy and everbleſſed name. Our Father, &c.

SATURDAY EVENING.

O GOD, our heavenly Father; we thank thee for thy continual care and watchful Providence over us, and eſpecially for the mercies of the paſt week, which we would gratefully place with the rich memories of thy loving-kindneſs. We have nothing good, which thou didſt not beſtow. Thy fatherly love is our chief joy; thy almighty Providence our reſt. Grant, O Lord, we beſeech thee, that while our

journey through this world goes on rapidly, our progreſs may not be ſlow in the things of thy kingdom. Help us by thy Spirit that we may keep pace with ſwift time, and not find ourſelves on the borders of the grave before, in our ſpiritual way, we are drawing near to the gate of heaven. Give us the grace of a humble and teachable ſpirit, that we may ſeek above all things the good which thou haſt prepared for thy children, and that by an obedience ſweetened with much love we may approve ourſelves in thy ſight, as faithful diſciples of thy Son. O Lord, while we ſleep, do thou watch over us, and keep guard around our beds and in our hearts. To thee be praiſe and thankſgiving from all in heaven and all on earth. May thy moſt righteous and loving will be done by us and by all men now and for ever, through Jeſus Chriſt our Saviour. Amen.

SECOND WEEK.

SUNDAY MORNING.

O GOD, our heavenly Father, who after our ſix days of labour giveſt us a day of reſt and meditation and communion with thee; we would moſt gratefully commemorate thy good gifts to us, and thy wonderful works, and, above all, thy great love to us in Jeſus Chriſt. Help us, we beſeech thee, to enter into the ſpirit of this day, that we may worſhip thee acceptably, and learn to do thy will as it is done by thy bleſſed angels. Would that we could lift up to thee holy hands; would that our hearts were pure, that there might be no veil between thee and us; but we know, O God, that thou art a God with whom is forgiveneſs. Caſt out from us every unclean thing, and quicken and guide us by thy Spirit. Both now and when we aſſemble with our brethren in thy ſanctuary, teach us how to pray, and fill our ſouls

with heavenly thoughts and reſolves. O thou Light of the blind and Strength of the weak, yea, Light of thoſe that ſee and Strength of the ſtrong, to thee we look for that help and guidance without which we can do nothing. Father of all mankind, may the ſpirit of thy Son unite and animate thoſe, in all parts of thy dominions, who keep holy day, that our viſible churches here below may form one true church of the Saviour, and the incenſe of our prayers aſcend to thee as from one family altar. Grant to the miniſters of thy Goſpel great gifts and great holineſs, that they may faithfully ſerve thee in eſtabliſhing and perfecting ſincere believers, and in bearing thy comforts to the weary and heavy laden, and thy meſſages of mercy to the outcaſt and the fallen. God of love and goodneſs, for ourſelves, for all who are dear to us, and for all our brethren of the human race, we pray that thou wilt bleſs us according to thine infinite wiſdom, and preſerve us blameleſs, and ſanctify us wholly, through our Lord Jeſus Chriſt. Amen.

SUNDAY EVENING.

GRACIOUS Lord God, we have again enjoyed the ſweet refreſhments and precious ſpiritual privileges of thy holy day, and we would thank thee for them. We have not only heard of thy loving-kindneſs and wonderful works of old, but alſo ourſelves been brought near to thee by thy beloved Son. Let not this day's retirement from the world and communion with things unſeen leave within us only a tranſient impreſſion, but may to-morrow and all our days bear witneſs to the depth and fervour of our deſire for the true Chriſtian life. When we conſider thy unfailing and unbounded goodneſs to us, and then look into our own ſouls and remember our paſt lives, we are filled with ſhame and ſorrow at the thought of our ingratitude and unworthineſs. Thou haſt been our Father, but how few of us have been thy children! How often haſt thou been near to us when we have not ſeen thee, ſpoken to us in tendereſt accents when we have not known thy voice! O that we had more of thy likeneſs within us, that thereby we might know, and knowing love thee, and loving ſerve thee with all our ſtrength. May we make good uſe of the means of improvement which thou haſt afforded

us. O Lord, let thy ſtatutes and thy promiſes be as ſongs in the houſe of our pilgrimage. May our home on earth be a living teſtimony that we are looking forward to an eternal home with thee. In the broad way of the world let thy angel encamp round about us and deliver us. May the ſpirit of our bleſſed Saviour guide and animate us in all things, and may our heavenward way be lighted and endeared to us by the example of the wiſe and good who have gone before us. One more petition, O God, we would offer up before this day draws to a close,—that thou wilt gather, not only us and thoſe whom we love, but alſo all thy human family into the church of thy Son, ſo that every one whom thou didſt create in thine image may at length enter into thy kingdom. Bleſſed be the Lord God, who alone doeth wondrous things. Bleſſed be his glorious name for ever; and let the whole world be filled with his glory. Amen and amen.

MONDAY MORNING.

HOLY and merciful God, by whoſe goodneſs we are now about to enter on another week of labour; we thank thee that every

day may be rendered ſacred by a life of holineſs and charity. Thou Source of light and ſtrength, who haſt ſhown us the way in which we ſhould walk, ſtrengthen us by thy might that we may walk therein with a ſingle and ſteadfaſt heart. We fervently thank thee for the aſſurance, which thou haſt given us by Jeſus Chriſt, that thou wilt be with us, and by thy Spirit help us in our infirmities. O quicken our zeal to do good, and give us a clear knowledge of duty in our ſeveral employments. We humbly throw ourſelves upon thy mercy for our paſt neglect and diſobedience. Thou knoweſt how many have been our tranſgreſſions; cleanſe thou us from ſecret faults; keep back thy ſervants alſo from preſumptuous ſins. May a ſincere love for one another, and a thoughtful remembrance of the teachings of Jeſus Chriſt, ſanctify to us the ties by which thou haſt united us in one home. If thou ſhouldſt viſit us with affliction, may we help and comfort one another, and ſo mourn in thine ear that our ſorrow may be ſweetened by thy grace. Thus, O Lord God, may we reſt under the wings of thy Providence and walk by the light of thy countenance, till we reach our everlaſting home. We aſk it as lowly diſciples of thy Son. Amen.

MONDAY EVENING.

LORD our God, we lift up our hearts and our voices in humble thankfulneſs to thee. May the remembrance of thy loving kindneſs and a knowledge of thee, fill our hearts with filial truſt, and longing deſires to lead a heavenly life. Grant that we may never be among thoſe who ſay, "Who will ſhow us any good?" O God our Father, in thee we poſſeſs everything that is good for us. Thou haſt aſſured us, by thy beloved Son, that in thee we may reſt our cares, to thee we may look for guidance and help, and, bleſſed be thy name, to thee alſo we may bring our lowly confeſſions of ſin. May our contrite ſorrow be ſincere, and our purpoſe of amendment true and deep, and then do thou ſpeak peace to our ſouls. May the cloſe of each day find us nearer heaven as well as nearer the grave. Unite us in ſpirit, we beſeech thee, with thy faithful children of former ages, and may we feel that we have dear friends in the unſeen world. Receive us now, O Lord, and all whom we love into thy keeping for this night,—and may we love all whom as Chriſtians we ought to love. By ſleeping under thy protection night after night may we learn to look forward calmly to

our last ſleep; and, when the night of death comes to us, may we joyouſly look forward to the morning of eternal day, for which we beg thee to make our whole lives a preparation, through our Saviour Jeſus Chriſt. Our Father, &c.

TUESDAY MORNING.

WE thank thee, O God, that thou haſt again lifted up the curtain of night, and cauſed thy light to ſhine upon us. It is thou, O good and holy Father, who haſt made our reſt pleaſant and refreſhing to us, and haſt renewed our powers of body and of mind. All that we poſſeſs is thine, and now, we pray thee, make our hearts alſo thine. Though in the paſt we have often been drawn away from the great purpoſe of exiſtence, let it not be ſo with this day. From the voice of temptation may we ever turn with freſh devotion and love to that divine guidance, which thou haſt vouchſafed to us in Jeſus Chriſt. Teach us, O Lord, in all things to do thy will; teach us to live holily and devoutly before thee. We thank thee for the ſweet companionſhips which gladden our earthly lot, and which give us foretaſtes of the

bleſſedneſs of the eternal world. O God, on us and all who are dear to us, let thy bleſſing reſt. Grant us what we deſire, or what thou knoweſt to be better for us. Thou ſeeſt all our wants and our dangers; we need only thy gracious Providence. Let our gratitude to thee overflow into kindneſs and charity to the poor and ſuffering. Not to ourſelves alone may any of us live, and may thoſe who bear each other's burdens here below, be united hereafter in a holy and happy fellowſhip which ſhall have no end. Our Father, &c.

TUESDAY EVENING.

GOD our Father, we thank thee for this quiet ſeaſon of communion with thee at the cloſe of a day, which has been bleſſed by thy gracious Providence. We rejoice to commit ourſelves again to thy fatherly keeping, which makes us feel ſafe from all real harm. We would ſhow our gratitude to thee for thy merciful goodneſs by ſeeking from thee with filial confidence the ſupply of our wants. From thee cometh all our help; O that we could hope our conduct has been well-pleaſing in thy ſight, but often we have been forgetful of

thee,—too ready are all of us to accept a lower rule of life, than that which has been given us by thy beloved Son. To thee, O Lord God, who never ſlumbereſt, we owe the reſt, which night brings after the labours of the day. We will lie down in peace beneath thy ſheltering care; and as we ſleep under thy protection, ſo may we wake to fulfil thy holy will, and finiſh the work, which thou haſt given us to do. On all who reſt and on all who watch may thy Spirit deſcend, comforting and ſtrengthening weary hearts, and refreſhing weary bodies. We would remember in thy preſence, O Lord God, all our brethren of the human family; and eſpecially thoſe to whom thou haſt united us by cloſe and endearing ties; we thank thee that they are thine even as we are thine, and that thou doſt love and care for all. O may all at length be gathered into the everlaſting home, through thy fatherly mercy in Jeſus Chriſt. Amen.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

THOU greateſt and beſt of beings; in the night and in the day the heavens declare thy glory, and the earth is full of

thy loving-kindneſs. We thank thee for thy watchful care over us, for gathering us again together, and for the renewal of our powers. And we would offer up our gratitude eſpecially for our bright Chriſtian proſpects reaching through endleſs ages. Holy Father, thou wouldſt make us holy, and prepare us for the bleſſedneſs of thine own kingdom. Truly doſt thou care for every one of us as if thou caredſt for him only, and ſo for all as if they were but one. May each of us be deeply ſenſible of the riches of thy grace in the Goſpel of Jeſus Chriſt. O Lord, if it be well in thy ſight, may the voice of health and gladneſs be heard in our dwelling; but, above all, grant us the ſpirit of thy children, who put their whole truſt in thee. May no corrupt communication proceed out of our mouths. May we work with our hands the thing that is good. Teach us what we ought to do, and may we do it with our whole heart. In the ſeaſon of temptation be not far from us, but make thy way ſtraight before us. May we not hide from ourſelves our ſins or our weakneſſes, but be penitent, watchful and humble. Vouchſafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without ſin. Thou knoweſt all our wants; bleſs us in body and ſoul through the few days of our earthly pilgrimage,

and afterwards receive us into the fulneſs of thy grace in Jeſus Chriſt. Our Father, &c.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

HOLY and everbleſſed Father, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray; we would gratefully remember thy goodneſs to us this day, and renew the dedication of ourſelves to thy ſervice. Help us to think of thy gracious gifts to us and to the children of men, as becometh true diſciples of thy Son. May we ſhow that we feel thy fatherly care and bounty by entire truſt in thee in all the circumſtances and events of life, and by thoughtfully devoting ourſelves to the work which thou haſt given us to do. O God, pour down upon us thy Spirit; quicken in us all holy affections; may we examine our hearts, and turn from any evil thing we have done or thought. When we are in danger of ſtraying from thee, uphold thou us in righteouſneſs, and if need be reſtrain our wayward feet by thy chaſtening hand. In the ſeaſon of ſuffering and ſorrow, let we pray thee thy merciful kindneſs be our ſupport. Hallow our love for one another, and for our

departed friends, and unite us to all mankind in the ſpirit of Chriſtian fellowſhip. We would now, O God, commend ourſelves to thy care for this night. Teach us to feel what it is to be one day nearer to our laſt day on earth; and as thou addeſt to us days and mercies, add alſo to our love and devout obedience, that the longer we live the leſs unfit we may be to dwell in thy heavenly kingdom. O Lord Almighty, we have taken upon ourſelves to ſpeak to thee. Hear our words, but anſwer us according to our needs. Let our prayer be ſet forth in thy ſight as incenſe, and the lifting up of our hands as an evening ſacrifice; and accept us as humble diſciples of Jeſus Chriſt. Amen.

THURSDAY MORNING.

GOD, our heavenly Father, we would come to thee with our few morning words of adoration and prayer. Before we uſe our renewed powers in our worldly occupation, we would gratefully acknowledge to whom we owe them, and we would aſk thy guidance in the uſe of them, and thy continual help. We thank thee that in the knowledge of thy fatherly care over us and

all who are dear to us, we have a peace and a joy which none can take from us. Give us grace to reſt all our cares in thee, and humbly and ſteadily to ſeek thy will in all things. Though we cannot be perfect in thy ſight, yet let not ſin have an abiding place within us. O merciful God, of whoſe forgiving love we ſo often ſtand in need, help us, we beſeech thee, to do better than we have done, and to preſs forward with unwearied patience towards the mark of our high calling in thy Son Jeſus Chriſt. Now may the dew of thy heavenly grace deſcend upon us and refreſh and ſtrengthen us; and from thy own infinite Spirit of love and goodneſs, fill within us the fountains of holy deſire and heavenly affection. Lord, pity and forgive, direct and bleſs, ſanctify and ſave us all. Give repentance to thoſe who live in ſin, and perſeverance to thy faithful ſervants; and may we all join with one heart in the prayer, which our Saviour has taught us: Our Father, &c.

THURSDAY EVENING.

THOU God of peace, who giveſt us our quiet reſting-places and our peaceful times; we thank thee for bringing us

together at the close of this day, in which, as in every day, thou hast been the source of all our blessings. May we have grace, O Lord, to remember that thou hast placed us here, and given us deep experiences of joy and sorrow, to teach us how to live in a better world. We grieve that so many of our days are spent as if there were nothing in them beyond their fleeting pains and pleasures. If it have been so with any of us this day, we pray thee, O merciful Father, to touch our hearts with the godly sorrow of repentance, and teach us, we beseech thee, what it is to live the life of a true child of God. May we be as those, who have drunk of the Spirit as well as taken the name of thy child Jesus, by whom thou hast revealed to us the holy and blessed things of thy kingdom. We come to thee again to beg a continuance of gifts we have misapplied, experiences we have not sanctified, the grace by which our weakness may be turned to strength. We would gratefully remember, O holy Father, not only the blessings which we enjoy in common with mankind, but also those, which thou hast bestowed on us as individuals or as a family; and we would not forget the whispered messages of love heard amidst the sorrows and trials of this world. When our earthly life draws to a close, as this day is

now drawing to a cloſe, O then may thine everlaſting arms be our ſupport, and bring us happily through the ſleep of death to the bright morning of eternal day. This we humbly beg through thy great love in Jesus Chriſt. Amen.

FRIDAY MORNING.

WE would bring to thee, O Lord, our daily offering of gratitude and love. We thank thee for the light of the ſun, and for the earth and its fulneſs. We thank thee for the renewal of our weary bodies and minds. We thank thee for our outward poſſeſſions, and ſtill more for any ſpiritual gifts that may be ours. We thank thee that thou haſt not left us to make the journey of life alone, but haſt given us dear companions as helpers of our joy. We thank thee for thy Son Jeſus Chriſt, the revealer of thy love and the quickener of ours. We thy children come to thee to receive as from thine hands the bleſſing, which we know thou art ready to give. May we ſeek firſt and above all thy kingdom of righteouſneſs, and with childlike confidence truſt to thy wonderful Providence to make all things work

together for good. Save us, O Lord God, from the ſins of which we are in danger, and pardon us for thoſe which we have committed. Save us from the poverty of little faith in thee and little love for one another. Save us from the ſins of temper, and watch for us in the unguarded moments of ſudden temptation. Deepen within us, O Lord God, the fountains of holy deſire. May we receive thy word with pure affection, and bring forth the fruits of the Spirit. May we be mindful of our public and ſocial duties. O Lord, our heavenly Father, make this world, we beſeech thee, more like that world of angels and bleſſed ſpirits, in which thy Son our Saviour has prepared a place of reſt for thy faithful ſervants and children when their earthly warfare is accompliſhed. May thy holy will be done by us and by all men, now and evermore. Amen.

FRIDAY EVENING.

GOD our Father; we thank thee that thou haſt again brought us from the toils and buſineſs of the world to the peaceful ſhelter of home, and the quiet happineſs of family love. We thank thee for all theſe days, in which

thou permitteſt us to make the journey of life together; grant, we earneſtly beſeech thee, that we may be united by a ſpirit of devotion and charity, and with one heart and one ſoul may ſeek thoſe things which are good in thy ſight. We thank thee for the manifold bleſſings of this day; O may we never be unmindful of thy love to us. May it be our reſt in ſorrow, our ſtrength in difficulty, a well-ſpring of life within us, and always our chief happineſs. Not alone with our ſong of thanksgiving do we come to thee; we bring alſo our ſins and weakneſſes, that thou mayſt forgive us, and ſo deal with us that we may be effectually delivered from them. Grant to us, Lord, we beſeech thee, the ſpirit to think and do ſuch things as be rightful; that we who, without thee, cannot do anything that is good, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy holy will revealed by thy Son Jeſus Chriſt. Now, O gracious God, may the darkneſs of night be to us and our dear friends as the ſhadow of thy wings. We will lie down to ſleep in the glad and peaceful truſt that we are under thy mighty protection, and that thou haſt a father's bleſſing for every member of the great human family. Our Father, &c.

SATURDAY MORNING.

THOU who ſetteſt the ſolitary in families, we thank thee that we are again enabled to aſſemble at the footſtool of thy throne of grace. Thou haſt given to us another day, and we would beſeech thee to hallow to us all its events and occupations, ſo that at its cloſe both it and we may be thine. Under the ſhelter of thy good Providence, and the guidance of thy Spirit, may we go forth to our work and our labour until evening. If it be good in thy ſight, O merciful Father, keep us from ſorrow this day; but what thou ſeeſt to be needful for us, we beg thee to ſend. We know that it is right to aſk that we may be preſerved from ſin; help us to guard eſpecially againſt thoſe temptations by which we have already been led aſtray. Help us to fulfil the perfect law of Chriſt, and in his ſpirit to bear every croſs that may be laid on us. May we not be unmindful of what we may do to ſtrengthen each other, bound together as we are by the ties of kindred and friendſhip, and dwelling in one home. God of all goodneſs; with our prayers we would offer up to thee our gratitude for thy never-failing bounty. Thou haſt not only given our daily bread and nightly reſt, but doſt alſo

love us as thine own, and haſt prepared for thy faithful children an everlaſting kingdom of peace and righteouſneſs. We call upon our ſouls, and all that is within us to bleſs thy holy name. O Lord, accept our poor tribute of praiſe and adoration, which we bring to thee as lowly diſciples of thy Son Jeſus Chriſt, our Saviour. Amen.

SATURDAY EVENING.

ALMIGHTY Father, with filial confidence in thy good Providence, and with thankful hearts, we cloſe another of the days and weeks of our earthly pilgrimage. We would gratefully remember the mercies and bleſſings which thou haſt vouchſafed to this family or any member of it. We thank thee for our opportunities of doing good, our means of improvement, and all our ſources of happineſs and well-being. And now, we pray thee, help us, O Lord God, to lift up our thoughts from the cares and occupations of this world to thee, and to that eternal world in which dwell thy beloved Son and the holy and the good of paſt ages. We would be mindful that as this day is paſſing away, ſo alſo is our

life, and we would put our whole truſt in thee, who liveſt and reigneſt for ever and ever. Give us grace to make good uſe of our time, and by thy fatherly teaching and help and diſcipline may we be prepared for a bleſſed eternity. We open our ſouls to thee, beſeeching thee to be merciful to us, and to renew and ſtrengthen us. If thou wert ſtrict to mark iniquity, O Lord, who could ſtand? May a ſenſe of our frailty and ſins render us willing to learn, though it be by thy fatherly chaſtening. Let thy continued bleſſing reſt on this houſehold. Spare us yet longer to each other, if it be thy holy will; but we would aſk all things in humble ſubmiſſion. We thank thee that our times are in thy hands, and that we have the glad hope of all meeting in that world, which ſhall have no end. We thank thee for giving us a day of reſt, to which we are now looking forward, and which eſpecially brings heaven to our thoughts. We would waſh our hands in innocency, and ſo compaſs thine altar; and, O Lord God, may we receive rich meaſures of thy Spirit to live as diſciples of thy Son Jeſus Chriſt. Our Father, &c.

THIRD WEEK.

SUNDAY MORNING.

O GOD Moſt High, we thank thee for this day, for the reſt it brings to our bodies, for the peace it brings to our ſouls, for its holy leſſons, for its bleſſed opportunities of communion with thee. The daily bounties of thy Providence may well fill our hearts with thankfulneſs and joy; but how ſhall we ſpeak of that goodneſs which this day commemorates, thy love to us in Jeſus Chriſt, the pardon which he offers to us, the fatherly tenderneſs which he reveals to us, the bright ſpiritual proſpects which he opens to us, the human perfection and divine grace which ſhine forth in him? What are we that thou ſhouldſt prepare for us ſo wonderful a ſalvation? O Father, make us of the kingdom of thy Son. Grant thy own children thoſe beſt of all gifts, a right and firm faith, a ſteadfaſt and well-grounded hope and a

never-failing charity. And O cleanſe us by true repentance and forgive us our ſins. May we delight in all that is good in thy ſight, the thoughts of the wiſe, the example of the faithful, and the memory of the juſt. May it not be in vain that we take the Chriſtian name. As the branches abide in the vine, ſo may we abide in our Saviour, and bring forth more and more fruit, until we be called to go and be with him where he is, even in thy heavenly preſence, where is fulneſs of joy for evermore. Amen.

SUNDAY EVENING.

O LORD our God, once more before this holy day draws to a cloſe would we aſcend in ſpirit to thy dwelling-place, and with all lowlineſs and fervour pour out our ſouls to thee in adoration and prayer. Great and marvellous are thy works, O God, but we thank thee eſpecially that by thy Son Jeſus Chriſt thou haſt revealed thyſelf as the Father of mankind. Let thine own doings magnify thee according to the greatneſs and multitude of thy works. As for us we can only praiſe thee by acknowledging ourſelves unable to

praiſe thee as we deſire. Quicken in us every good and pure thought, and ſtrengthen us in our holy reſolves of this day. Let no unhallowed words pollute the tongues which have called upon thy holy name; no evil action defile the ſanctuaries, which thou haſt in thy wondrous mercy choſen for thyſelf. O Father, ſhed abroad thy love in our hearts, and teach us how to ſhow our love for thee. We would fly to thee as our refuge in temptation even more than in the time of trouble. Grant us ſuch helps as thou ſeeſt to be needed by us. Wherein we are eſpecially weak, help us all the more, for to whom ſhall we look for ſuccour but to thee, O Lord? And we would lay before thee, with humble and truſtful petitions, the ſins, the ſorrows, and the wants of all our fellow-men, and eſpecially of thoſe who are dear to any member of this family. Shelter us by thy Providence; guide and ſtrengthen us by thy Spirit; and make us all true diſciples of thy Son Jeſus Chriſt. Amen.

MONDAY MORNING.

GOD our Father, we come to thee again to aſk thy morning bleſſing. We thank thee for the ſafety in which we have

together at the close of this day, in which, as in every day, thou hast been the source of all our blessings. May we have grace, O Lord, to remember that thou hast placed us here, and given us deep experiences of joy and sorrow, to teach us how to live in a better world. We grieve that so many of our days are spent as if there were nothing in them beyond their fleeting pains and pleasures. If it have been so with any of us this day, we pray thee, O merciful Father, to touch our hearts with the godly sorrow of repentance, and teach us, we beseech thee, what it is to live the life of a true child of God. May we be as those, who have drunk of the Spirit as well as taken the name of thy child Jesus, by whom thou hast revealed to us the holy and blessed things of thy kingdom. We come to thee again to beg a continuance of gifts we have misapplied, experiences we have not sanctified, the grace by which our weakness may be turned to strength. We would gratefully remember, O holy Father, not only the blessings which we enjoy in common with mankind, but also those, which thou hast bestowed on us as individuals or as a family; and we would not forget the whispered messages of love heard amidst the sorrows and trials of this world. When our earthly life draws to a close, as this day is

now drawing to a cloſe, O then may thine everlaſting arms be our ſupport, and bring us happily through the ſleep of death to the bright morning of eternal day. This we humbly beg through thy great love in Jeſus Chriſt. Amen.

FRIDAY MORNING.

WE would bring to thee, O Lord, our daily offering of gratitude and love. We thank thee for the light of the ſun, and for the earth and its fulneſs. We thank thee for the renewal of our weary bodies and minds. We thank thee for our outward poſſeſſions, and ſtill more for any ſpiritual gifts that may be ours. We thank thee that thou haſt not left us to make the journey of life alone, but haſt given us dear companions as helpers of our joy. We thank thee for thy Son Jeſus Chriſt, the revealer of thy love and the quickener of ours. We thy children come to thee to receive as from thine hands the bleſſing, which we know thou art ready to give. May we ſeek firſt and above all thy kingdom of righteouſneſs, and with childlike confidence truſt to thy wonderful Providence to make all things work

together for good. Save us, O Lord God, from the ſins of which we are in danger, and pardon us for thoſe which we have committed. Save us from the poverty of little faith in thee and little love for one another. Save us from the ſins of temper, and watch for us in the unguarded moments of ſudden temptation. Deepen within us, O Lord God, the fountains of holy deſire. May we receive thy word with pure affection, and bring forth the fruits of the Spirit. May we be mindful of our public and ſocial duties. O Lord, our heavenly Father, make this world, we beſeech thee, more like that world of angels and bleſſed ſpirits, in which thy Son our Saviour has prepared a place of reſt for thy faithful ſervants and children when their earthly warfare is accompliſhed. May thy holy will be done by us and by all men, now and evermore. Amen.

FRIDAY EVENING.

GOD our Father; we thank thee that thou haſt again brought us from the toils and buſineſs of the world to the peaceful ſhelter of home, and the quiet happineſs of family love. We thank thee for all theſe days, in which

thou permitteſt us to make the journey of life together; grant, we earneſtly beſeech thee, that we may be united by a ſpirit of devotion and charity, and with one heart and one ſoul may ſeek thoſe things which are good in thy ſight. We thank thee for the manifold bleſſings of this day; O may we never be unmindful of thy love to us. May it be our reſt in ſorrow, our ſtrength in difficulty, a well-ſpring of life within us, and always our chief happineſs. Not alone with our ſong of thanks-giving do we come to thee; we bring alſo our ſins and weakneſſes, that thou mayſt forgive us, and ſo deal with us that we may be effectually delivered from them. Grant to us, Lord, we beſeech thee, the ſpirit to think and do ſuch things as be rightful; that we who, without thee, cannot do anything that is good, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy holy will revealed by thy Son Jeſus Chriſt. Now, O gracious God, may the darkneſs of night be to us and our dear friends as the ſhadow of thy wings. We will lie down to ſleep in the glad and peaceful truſt that we are under thy mighty protection, and that thou haſt a father's bleſſing for every member of the great human family. Our Father, &c.

SATURDAY MORNING.

THOU who ſetteſt the ſolitary in families, we thank thee that we are again enabled to aſſemble at the footſtool of thy throne of grace. Thou haſt given to us another day, and we would beſeech thee to hallow to us all its events and occupations, ſo that at its cloſe both it and we may be thine. Under the ſhelter of thy good Providence, and the guidance of thy Spirit, may we go forth to our work and our labour until evening. If it be good in thy ſight, O merciful Father, keep us from ſorrow this day; but what thou ſeeſt to be needful for us, we beg thee to ſend. We know that it is right to aſk that we may be preſerved from ſin; help us to guard eſpecially againſt thoſe temptations by which we have already been led aſtray. Help us to fulfil the perfect law of Chriſt, and in his ſpirit to bear every croſs that may be laid on us. May we not be unmindful of what we may do to ſtrengthen each other, bound together as we are by the ties of kindred and friendſhip, and dwelling in one home. God of all goodneſs; with our prayers we would offer up to thee our gratitude for thy never-failing bounty. Thou haſt not only given us our daily bread and nightly reſt, but doſt alſo

love us as thine own, and haſt prepared for thy faithful children an everlaſting kingdom of peace and righteouſneſs. We call upon our ſouls, and all that is within us to bleſs thy holy name. O Lord, accept our poor tribute of praiſe and adoration, which we bring to thee as lowly diſciples of thy Son Jeſus Chriſt, our Saviour. Amen.

SATURDAY EVENING.

ALMIGHTY Father, with filial confidence in thy good Providence, and with thankful hearts, we cloſe another of the days and weeks of our earthly pilgrimage. We would gratefully remember the mercies and bleſſings which thou haſt vouchſafed to this family or any member of it. We thank thee for our opportunities of doing good, our means of improvement, and all our ſources of happineſs and well-being. And now, we pray thee, help us, O Lord God, to lift up our thoughts from the cares and occupations of this world to thee, and to that eternal world in which dwell thy beloved Son and the holy and the good of paſt ages. We would be mindful that as this day is paſſing away, ſo alſo is our

example and obey the perfect law of Christ. O God, fill our hearts with kind and holy dispositions, and may our earthly home be raised and sanctified by sacred thoughts of that heavenly home into which death shall not enter. Hear us, O Father, in these our prayers, which we would offer up to thee in the spirit of thy Son, our Saviour, in whose words we would further pray for ourselves and all mankind: Our Father, &c.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

GOD, our heavenly Father, let thy angels guard our beds, and do thou grant us the rest we need. We thank thee that we may put our whole trust in thee. Although we have not passed this day without doing many things that in thy sight are evil, yet we beseech thee to hide our sins with thy mercy, as thou hidest all things on earth with the darkness of the night. We desire to offer to thee the obedience and devotion of faithful though lowly children. By thy blessing and help may we grow day by day in the likeness of thy son, who was well-pleasing in thy sight. Show us thy way, O God, teach us

thy paths, lead us in thy truth. Gracious Father, we thank thee for many bleſſings, for the light of the ſun, for the bounties of earth, for the food convenient for us, for the love of friends, for the helps of thy Spirit, for the riches of thy grace in Jeſus Chriſt, for hopes which no earthly trouble can overſhadow. We beſeech thee, O Lord, to look down with favour on all who are dear to us. Bleſs our Queen and rulers, all who are labouring for the good of the people, and all who are in any way afflicted or diſtreſſed. Give us happy thoughts of the unſeen world. And when our laſt day comes, may we lie down on the bed of death, not in ſin and ſorrow, but in holineſs and peace, through our Lord Jeſus Chriſt. Amen.

THURSDAY MORNING.

HOLY and gracious God, behold thy children, who would aſk thy bleſſing before they go forth to the duties of the day. Even as thou ſheddeſt now the beams of the ſun upon the earth to give light unto our bodies, ſo illuminate our ſouls with the brightneſs of thy Spirit, to guide us in the paths of holy obedience.

Thou who haſt given us this beautiful world to dwell in, give us alſo the good things of the heart, that we may love thee and one another, and juſtice and truth and goodneſs in which thou delighteſt. We bleſs thee that we have ſo ſure a truſt in thee, and ſo plain a path in which to walk; but thou knoweſt, O merciful Father, that even when the ſpirit is willing the fleſh is weak. To thee we look to quicken in us every tender and holy feeling. May our appetites and paſſions own their rightful Lord in thy voice of conſcience within us. We lay before thee our ſins and weakneſſes; thou ſeeſt them as they truly are; we would fly from them to thee, who art our refuge and our ſtrength. O may we ſincerely ſtrive to reſiſt evil inclinations, and to fulfil our public and private duties. All our wants, both of body and of ſpirit, and the wants of all who are dear to us, we lay before thee. And now, with thy bleſſing reſting on us, and in the true ſpirit of thy children, may each of us go forth to his work and to his labour until evening. Our Father, &c.

THURSDAY EVENING.

THOU who haſt watched over us during the day, to whom ſhall we commit ourſelves during the coming night but unto thee, our Almighty Protector and Father, who neither ſlumbereſt nor ſleepeſt, and to whom the darkneſs and the light are both alike? In the ſhadow of thy wings we will lay us down and take our reſt, for thou, O Lord, wilt make us to dwell in ſafety. But, O moſt holy and merciful God, before thou takeſt us into thy keeping for this night, we beſeech thee to make clean our hearts within us. The evil we have done, and the good we have left undone, none can know ſo well as thou; but we ourſelves deeply feel how much we ſtand in need of thy pardoning mercy. And do thou further make ready our ſouls to be committed to thy care, by filling them with holy meditations, and earneſt reſolves, and revealing to them thy truth, and quickening them by thy Spirit, and ſhedding abroad in them larger meaſures of thy love. Give us grace to cloſe our eyes this night with no known ſin unrepented of, with no heſitation about doing any known duty, with no ill-will towards any of our brethren, but with a pure conſcience and hearts full of heavenly affections. We rejoice, O

Lord God, that we can think of ourſelves as ſharing with all mankind the protection and rich gifts of thy fatherly Providence; open, we beſeech thee, the hearts of all thy people to receive thoſe bleſſings which will not paſs away. Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things; graft in our hearts the love of thy name, increaſe in us true religion, nouriſh us with all goodneſs, and of thy great mercy keep us in the ſame; through thy Son Jesus Chriſt, our Saviour. Amen.

FRIDAY MORNING.

LORD, the God of the ſpirits of all fleſh, whoſe eyes are upon all the ways of the ſons of men from their very entrance into the world; with our ſouls we have deſired thee, and we will ſeek thee early, that at the day-ſpring we may praiſe thee, and give thee thanks at the riſing of the sun. And, O heavenly Father, for thy bleſſing we look as for the light that gladdens our eyes, as for the dew that refreſhes the tender graſs. Keep us this day in the paths of righteouſneſs and heavenly peace. We humbly aſk of thee a healthful body, a clear underſtanding, a

grateful contentment with the condition which thou mayſt aſſign to us, and diligence in whatſoever our hands find to do; we pray for an upright, charitable and truly religious ſpirit, reſolute and conſtant in all holy purpoſes. Thou, O God, wilt reveal thyſelf to thoſe who ſeek thee, in meaſures large as their capacities admit, or at leaſt as their neceſſities require. O may it not be in vain that we ſeek thee at this time. Take from us all pride, covetouſneſs and falſehood, all remembrance of injuries, all evil imaginations and impurity of thought—everything that is contrary to thy will, O moſt holy God! Behold, our deſires are before thee, but thou knoweſt how feeble and ineffectual are our beſt endeavours without thy Spirit to help and guide us. Grant us thy pardon, O Lord, and by thy grace may our ſtrength be perfected in weakneſs. We aſk it as humble diſciples of Jeſus Chriſt. Our Father, &c.

FRIDAY EVENING.

VERBLESSED God, who haſt drawn around us the ſhadows of evening as a curtain; we would lift up our united voices and hearts to thee. Inſtead of the ſtrength

and vigour of morning, thou wilt now give us reſt and refreſhment. Inſtead of the ſun to ſhine upon our labours, thou haſt awakened the ſtars to watch over our ſlumbers. We humbly offer up to thee our devout gratitude for thy outward and temporal bounties to us this day, and ſtill more for our moſt precious ſpiritual privileges as thy children. In thus connecting us with thyſelf, thou haſt indeed given us all things. But, O holy Father, not yet can we realize the unſpeakable happineſs of ſo endearing and ſanctifying a relation; for by the light of thy goodneſs we ſee more and more the ſhadow of our infirmity and ſins. We confeſs that the only way by which we can come to thee, is the gate of thy forgiveneſs; but this gate thou haſt aſſured us is ever open to thoſe who repent and turn from their evil ways. May we ſhow the ſincerity of our repentance by a cloſer habitual union with him, whom thou didſt raiſe up to be unto us a Prince and a Saviour. O holy Father, may we, whom thou haſt united in one home, help one another to prepare for thy heavenly preſence, and not merely miniſter to each other's earthly comfort. Hallow to us the memory of the holy dead; and when we aſcend to thee in prayer, may we not forget how near we are to their happy abodes, and may we

always ſo think of them as to yearn for a greater fitneſs to be with them. The bleſſings we aſk for ourſelves we aſk alſo for our friends, and for all our brethren of the human family. Unto thee, O Lord God, be all glory and praiſe for ever and ever. Amen.

SATURDAY MORNING.

GOD, under whoſe Providence we dwell in the night as in the day; accept, we beſeech thee, our morning offering of praiſe and ſupplication. Thou bringeſt back to us at the ſame time our renewed powers and the light by which to uſe them. Before we go forth to our duties, we would remember in thy preſence, that not only the light of morning, but alſo the light of thy commandments is upon us. Thou, O God, ſeeſt all things as they truly are, and we rejoice that we may walk by thy light, and dwell in the ſhelter of thy love. We confeſs with shame and heartfelt contrition how prone we are to yield up ourſelves to preſent intereſts and pleaſures, ſo that they have an undue power over us. But do thou give us inward ſtrength, that we may follow

ſteadfaſtly whither thou leadeſt, even though it be along the way of the croſs. Yet in our weakneſs, we bleſs thee, O gracious Lord, that our way is ſo often ſmooth and ſheltered, and that we have ſo many ſeaſons of refreſhing, and ſo many dear companions in the journey of life. O may thy loving-kindneſs increaſe our love to thee and to one another, that we may not only do what thou biddeſt, but that we may do it in the ſpirit of thy Son Jeſus Chriſt. For him we would daily offer to thee our hearts' beſt thanks, fervently praying that, through thy infinite grace and mercy in him, all thy children on earth may enter into the reſt of love and holineſs which thou haſt prepared. Our Father, &c.

SATURDAY EVENING.

O LORD our God, who haſt brought us to the cloſe of the week, and prepared for us, not only our nightly reſt, but alſo that yet better reſt of thy holy day; we pray thee to look down graciouſly upon thy worſhipping children now before thee. Quicken the memory of our hearts, that we may in our humble meaſure both know and feel what that Divine Goodneſs

muſt be, which continues to take fatherly care of us from day to day, from week to week, and from year to year, and which was the ſame in the time of our fathers, and in the old time before them. But, O Lord, while thou haſt done ſo much for us, how little have we done for one another and ourſelves. Waſh us thoroughly from our iniquities, for we acknowledge our tranſgreſſions. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right ſpirit within us. We thank thee that on the laſt great day we ſhall be judged by One who has been touched with a feeling of our infirmities. Give us grace to depart from evil and do good, and may we not be too confident of length of days. We praiſe thy name for thoſe of our brethren who have finiſhed their earthly lives, and have left us the light of a good example. And now on each one of us may thy bleſſing reſt. In the ſhadow of thy wings will we make our refuge; thou who keepeſt us wilt not ſlumber. Grant that in the morning we may all with clean hands and pure hearts ſtand before thee in thy holy place, and that our homage and prayers may be offered in the true ſpirit of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt. Amen.

FOURTH WEEK.

SUNDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY God, giver of the bread which periſheth, and of that bread of life which cometh down from heaven; we thank thee that thy outward bounties, which afford us pleaſure only for a ſeaſon, are but a ſmall portion of thy fatherly gifts. O may we uſe our ſpiritual bleſſings with a true ſenſe of their ineſtimable and abiding worth. We lament that through our many tranſgreſſions and often infirmity we are ill-prepared for the worſhip of thy houſe: but do thou hear the ſighing of our contrition, and lift up our thoughts and our hearts to heavenly things. Inſpire us with holy purpoſes and ſtrengthen us to fulfil them. Eſpecially, O everbleſſed Father, would we enter into the ſpirit of this day by communion with Jeſus Chriſt, in whom thou haſt aſſured us none ſhall ſeek for thee in vain. Grant

that we and all who bear his name may be animated by his ſpirit, and be heartily diſpoſed to help one another's joy, and to unite in doing good. O thou God of love and holineſs, proſper thy church of faithful and devout believers; bring into it the young, the caſt down, and the ſinful; and may thoſe who already belong to it grow continually in the likeneſs of thy Son, until there ſhall be but one fold with one ſhepherd, and all ſhall be perfected in one. O holy Father, may all thy children on earth be united with thy ſaints and angels in a true knowledge of thee and in the fulneſs of thy ſpiritual bleſſings, world without end. Amen.

SUNDAY EVENING.

EVERBLESSED God, who haſt prepared for us an everlaſting home, and doſt require of us a heavenly righteouſneſs; we know not in what words to acknowledge thy goodneſs to us in Jeſus Chriſt. Give us grace to fix our thoughts on the one care, which ſhould fill every Chriſtian heart, that by thy help we may live a life of love to thee and to our brethren of mankind, and be made ready for the world to come. We

thank thee for the aſſurance that thou wilt help abundantly thoſe who ſtrive after what is good; we beſeech thee, O merciful Father, to help us alſo, who ſincerely deplore that we have loſt much of our time, and miſapplied many of thy gifts. We thank thee for the hope that alleviates the ſorrow of heart-felt repentance, for the diſcipline of thy wiſe Providence, for words of wiſdom often repeated, for the bright ſhining of holy example, and for the memory of thy tender mercies which have been ever of old. O thou great and gracious Ruler, may all thy children on earth be brought to a knowledge of their Father in heaven, and live by it and rejoice in it with joy unſpeakable. Grant, O Lord, to all our friends this greateſt of bleſſings, and every leſſer bleſſing that thou ſhalt ſee to be for their welfare. Comfort the troubled heart, guide the ſteps of the young, cheer the laſt days of the aged, and gather all together at laſt in the fellowſhip of thy Spirit, through thy Son Jeſus Chriſt. Amen.

MONDAY MORNING.

LORD, thou makeſt the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice; and now we pray thee to lift up the light of

thy countenance upon us, and make us glad with the tokens of thy love. We bleſs thee for the happy aſſurance that whether we ſleep or wake we are always under thy care; and we thank thee for the holy thoughts which our day of reſt has left with us. Enable us, we beſeech thee, O Lord God, to follow ſteadfaſtly whitherſoever thy good Spirit leads, and to reſiſt the temptations to which we may be expoſed in our paſſage through this world. May we not too much ſet our hearts on preſent enjoyments, but thoſe which thou ſendeſt us may we accept gratefully from thee and ſhare liberally with our fellow men. That we may ſerve thee with a quiet mind, forgive us, O merciful Father, the things whereof our conſciences are afraid, and turn from us thoſe evils which we moſt juſtly have deſerved. Increaſe in us that Chriſtian ſpirit of charity, which is not eaſily provoked, that we may follow peace with all men, bearing with the infirmities of others, and forgiving their offences, as we deſire to be forgiven of thee. We thank thee that in all the trials of life we can commit ourſelves to thee, who alone knoweſt what is beſt for us. O Lord God, cauſe us to know the joyful ſound of thy Goſpel, not only by the hearing of the ear, but alſo by bleſſed experience, that our Chriſtian love may work all the miracles of grace,

till from grace it paſs to glory, from earth to heaven, from duty to reward, from the weakneſs of a commencing and growing affection to the conſummation of eternal charity, through our Lord Jeſus Chriſt. Amen.

MONDAY EVENING.

O LORD God, who heareſt prayer and art nigh to all who call upon thee; we are moved by our neceſſities and encouraged by thy fatherly goodneſs to draw nigh to thee. We beg of thee, who faſhioneſt the hearts of the ſons of men, to prepare our hearts, that our lowly offering of worſhip and adoration may be acceptable in thy ſight. We thank thee for all thy known and for all thy unobſerved favours, deliverances, and viſitations, and we beſeech thee ſo to quicken our love that we may perform with a holy gladneſs whatever is well-pleaſing in thy ſight. Pardon, O Lord, our many paſt ſins and negligences,—pardon our relapſes into the ſins of which we have repented. Let us not commit ourſelves to reſt this night with either a guilty conſcience or a careleſs heart. Give us a wiſe, ſober and patient underſtanding, a devout

and courageous ſpirit, chaſte and temperate thoughts, a firm truſt in thy Providence, and ſtrength againſt all temptations. May thy will, revealed to us by thy beloved Son, be the guide of our conduct, and regulate all our deſires. And daily receiving, as we are, wonderful manifeſtations of thy unwearied and tender love, may our love to one another be likewiſe unwearied and tender, and ſhow itſelf by ſympathy with the ſorrowing, help to thoſe who are in diſtreſs, and a conſtant readineſs to do good to all. We would now, O Lord God, commend ourſelves to thy care for the hours of darkneſs, and beg thee to make us true diſciples of him, who is able to give us reſt to our ſouls. Our Father, &c.

TUESDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY God, our Father in heaven; for thy continued bleſſings we bring our morning thanks, and we would again commit ourſelves to thy fatherly keeping and guidance. We thy children come to thee, the tender and merciful Father, to rejoice in thy care, and to ſupplicate above all temporal things the gifts of thy

Spirit. May we paſs through this day with filial truſt in thy good Providence, with a holy zeal in our appointed work, with ſincere love to each other, and with a willingneſs to bear any croſs thou mayſt ſee fit to lay upon us. So in the ſpirit of thy holy and beloved Son may we go onward in the journey of life. Never be far from us, O Father, and eſpecially may thy preſence be felt in the hour of temptation. Let us not by any ſin of ours mar thy bleſſing on us this day. May the fellowſhip of thy children on earth have in it more of true brotherhood, more tenderneſs and charity. O God, help the weak and the poor, comfort the ſick and the mourner, forgive us all now and on the laſt day, and prepare us for the bleſſedneſs of thy everlaſting kingdom, through our Saviour Jeſus Chriſt. Our Father, &c.

TUESDAY EVENING.

ALMIGHTY and eternal God, the ſource of all virtue, the ſupport of all holy hopes, the author of pardon and peace and eternal life; we beg thy forgiveneſs, thy protection, and thy bleſſing this night. We are aſhamed, O

Lord, when we conſider what our fooliſh and vain thoughts, our unjuſt and uncharitable actions, muſt be in thy ſight. Teach us frequently and ſeriouſly to remember our ſins, and then do thou remember them no more; may we never forget thy mercies, and do thou continue to do us good. May our whole hearts be dedicated to thee in humble obedience and piety. Draw us ever nearer to thee by the endearments of thy love, by the bounty of thy Providence, by thy fatherly promiſes, and by thine adorable perfections. Fill us with longing deſires after heavenly things. We praiſe thy hallowed name, O Lord, not only for the ſpiritual bleſſings which thou haſt vouchſafed to us in Jeſus Chriſt, but for all the inſtances of thy goodneſs, for the proviſion thou haſt made this day for all our wants. Thou haſt ſpread our table and filled our cup. Thou haſt ſurrounded us with friends, and afforded us another opportunity of progreſs and well-doing. Look with thy fatherly tenderneſs on all our brethren, and eſpecially thoſe who are in ſorrow. In proportion as their outward lot is overclouded let thy preſence, we beſeech thee, ſhine more brightly within them. May we all be partakers of that peace, which thou doſt grant to thy faithful children in Jeſus Chriſt. Amen.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

THOU, O Lord God, haſt given us ſleep to refreſh our weakneſs, and haſt renewed our ſtrength for the duties of another day. Though thou upholdeſt worlds in their courſe, thou doſt not forget the humbleſt child in its ſlumbers. We thank thee for all thy mercies from day to day beſtowed upon us; and we beſeech thee, who workeſt in us both to will and to do, that thou wilt quicken in us the ſpirit of filial obedience, and help us to preſent our ſouls and bodies to thee a living ſacrifice, holy and acceptable in thy ſight. Give us grace, O Lord, to deſire only what is ſuited to us, and to be content with what thou ſeeſt to be ſo; not to be anxiouſly troubled at the loſs or want of anything but thy favour, and to take in good part whatſoever may befal us, acknowledging it to be appointed by thy Providence, and not to come to us by chance. Teach us to obſerve and value thy gracious gifts, and ever to remember how much more we have received than we deſerve. Forgive us, O Lord, our ſins and negligences, and grant that this day we may omit no part of our duty. Remembering our own infirmities, and thy fatherly patience with us, may we bear with the infirmities of others. Fill

our hearts with Chriſtian zeal and charity, that we may be united to each other by holy ties of friendſhip and brotherhood. O grant that we may have a true underſtanding of thy word, the bread which nouriſheth unto eternal life, and may paſs this and all our days as faithful diſciples of thy Son Jeſus Chriſt. Amen.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

O GOD, before this day has quite paſſed away we would come to thee to expreſs our gratitude for thy goodneſs, and acknowledge our dependence upon thee for every bleſſing. We thank thee that we have ſo great and good a Being in whom to truſt. We thank thee for Jeſus Chriſt, by whom we know thy love for us, and through whom we hope to be made ready for the world beyond the grave. Beholding thy fatherly Providence may we know, by happy experience, what that peace is which thoſe poſſeſs who commit all events to thee, and make duty their one anxious care. O merciful Father, we pray for light and ſtrength from heaven, for we are conſtantly reminded of our ignorance and weakneſs, and

the waywardneſs of our own hearts. Wherein we have this day tranſgreſſed thy righteous laws, let it not be without that real and effectual ſorrow, to which thou haſt promiſed pardon. May thy holy Spirit govern our words and deeds, our thoughts and deſires. Work in us everything by which we may fulfil thy holy purpoſes. May we always bring to thee faithful wills and loving hearts. May we ſtrive to help each other to live as thy true children. O Lord our God, who ordaineſt the ſun to be a light by day, and the moon and the ſtars to be lights by night, vouchſafe now to receive us and all who are dear to us into thy keeping. Our Father, &c.

THURSDAY MORNING.

GREATEST and beſt of Beings, the welcome voice of morning calls us into thy preſence. Every day will we bleſs thee for thy fatherly love, which thou haſt revealed to us by Jeſus Chriſt, and of which, even with our imperfect underſtandings, we trace ſo many tokens everywhere around us. We bring to thee our morning pſalm of thankfulneſs for the riches of the air, the land and the water, the beauties of heaven

and earth, the profit there is in labour, the wiſdom in books, and the power in holy example. We thank thee that this world is the fore-court to another and a better; give us, we earneſtly beſeech thee, grace to live as thoſe in whom heaven is beginning now. May we be always found on the ſide of juſtice and charity and true religion, loving what thou loveſt, and deſiring what thou doſt promiſe. We bleſs thee, O Father, for giving us to one another; may we ſo help one another along our homeward way, as to love each other better for ever for having dwelt together a few years here below. In mercy look upon the good reſolutions we have broken in the days that are gone, and on the ſorrow our ſins have brought us. Help us, we beſeech thee, to redeem the time we have loſt; and when our preſent pilgrimage is over, may we be all numbered with thy ſaints in glory everlaſting, through Jeſus Chriſt. Amen.

THURSDAY EVENING.

VERBLESSED God, may this night, which brings reſt to our bodies, bring alſo thy peace to our ſouls. We thank

thee for thy fatherly Providence this day. May ours be the happineſs of perfect filial truſt, the holineſs of unwearied filial obedience. We cannot take care of ourſelves, but we are ſafe in thy keeping. We cannot fit ourſelves for the communion of ſaints, but thou wilt help us by thy Spirit, if we indeed ſtrive to live as true diſciples of Jeſus Chriſt. Since thou haſt created us after thy own likeneſs, and made us ſharers of thine eternity, O may we not waſte our chief thoughts and affections on the mere objects of ſenſe and time, but may our minds and hearts be raiſed and purified by looking forward to that heavenly country which is our home. And if thou ſhouldſt ſometimes withdraw from us thy outward bounties, in order that we may be more mindful of things unſeen, may we not diſtruſt the means whereby thou art leading us to thyſelf. We thank thee for thy promiſe of forgiveneſs as well as of help, for only as penitents can we come before thee, who art our refuge and our hope. Give us grace, O Lord, to remember that as thou art our Father, ſo all mankind are our brethren. Eſpecially may we who dwell together love and help each other; and may our thoughts of the bleſſed dead be ſuch as become the diſciples of our once crucified but now riſen and exalted Saviour. Our Father, &c.

FRIDAY MORNING.

THOU whoſe loving preſence lightens our darkneſs and renews our bodies and ſpirits while we ſlumber; we bring to thee our morning incenſe of prayer and praiſe. May it be in the ſpirit of him, by whoſe name we are called. For the reſt of the paſt night, for this new day, for each friend thou haſt gathered around us, we heartily thank thee. Fill us now with good reſolutions, and help us to carry them into practice. Be thou with us when we ſit in the houſe, and when we walk by the way, and amidſt all the intercourſe and buſineſs of life. May we undertake nothing which we cannot beg of thee to proſper; and if what ſeem to us untoward events ſhould take place, may we have entire truſt in thy fatherly care. Enable us by thy help to reſiſt the temptations by which we may be aſſailed. Merciful Father, may the remembrance of our ſins render us not only penitent, but alſo humble, watchful and zealous in well-doing. May we be gentle and forbearing towards others, and never be betrayed into any act or word of unkindneſs. Thou alone canſt ſupply our wants whether temporal or ſpiritual. Thou wilt never leave us or forſake us. Thou wilt not

let us want anything that is for our good. May this day be healthful to us, and bring with it ſucceſs in our earthly purſuits, but above all let our portion be in the bleſſed things of thy kingdom, in holineſs and peace of conſcience, in faith, hope and charity, and in the joysof thy Spirit. This we humbly beg as diſciples of thy Son our Lord Jeſus Chriſt. Amen.

FRIDAY EVENING.

ALMIGHTY and everbleſſed Father, thou doſt command us to go forth to our labours, but thou doſt alſo give us a ſeaſon of reſt; and as in the day we partake of the riches and admire the beauties of the earth, ſo in the night the darkneſs folds us around, and the heavens declare thy glory. We would not lie down to ſleep without a grateful thought of thy goodneſs to us this day, or without aſking thee to forgive us, wherein we have fallen ſhort in our duties as humble followers of Jeſus Chriſt. O merciful Father, we feel our need, not only of thy guidance and help, but alſo of thy correction. We thank thee for our joys and our ſorrows, for the diſcipline by which thou wouldſt cleanſe us from ſin, and ſtrengthen

our faith and virtue, as well as for thoſe gifts and graces, which ſweeten our days as they paſs. O may we ever give ourſelves up to thee in the loving obedience of children, that we may be led by thee in the way of righteouſneſs. Now, O Lord, let the quiet of night ſink into our hearts, and bring with it thy peace. We know not how ſoon our days and nights on earth may come to an end, we know not how long our moſt beloved may be with us here below; but we thank thee that through thy fatherly love in Jeſus Chriſt we can commit them and ourſelves to thee with perfect truſt this night and evermore. Our Father, &c.

SATURDAY MORNING.

BLESSED Lord God, who turneſt the ſhadows of death into morning and reneweſt the face of the earth; before we go forth to the duties of our calling, we would look up to thee with thankful hearts, and beſeech thee to be graciouſly with us throughout the day. Since thou careſt for us, may we take no anxious thought about events, but make it our great care to go ſteadily forward in the work of life, which thou haſt given us to do. Enlighten our underſtandings

and quicken our ſouls by the free communications of thy Spirit. Remove from us whatever hinders us from holy living, and anything in us that is a ſtumbling-block in another's way. Subdue all unchriſtian thoughts and diſpoſitions, all impatience, envy, and hatred. May our kindneſs to each other never fail; and O gracious Father, may we bring to thee not only a humble ſpirit of obedience, but alſo great love. We would not doubt that, by thy help, we may ſo live as to obtain thy approbation; but we have many ſins and many weakneſſes to lay at the footſtool of thy throne. O Lord God, make us what thou wouldſt have us to be, and may we do what thou wouldſt have us to do; only be thou ever with us to cleanſe and renew, to teach, rule and ſuſtain us, till at laſt we come to thee to dwell for ever with thee, and thy Son our Saviour. Our Father, &c.

SATURDAY EVENING.

LORD of heaven and earth, unto thee do we lift up our ſouls in adoration and gratitude. We thank thee for another week rich in thy loving-kindneſs, and ſtill more, for ſo uniting us with thyſelf as thy children, that we

can look forward to continued exiſtence beyond the grave. In danger thou art our refuge, in difficulty thou art our guide, in ſorrow thou art our comfort, in weakneſs thou art our helper, and when we die thou receiveſt our ſpirits. We are filled with ſhame and grief when we think how often we have tranſgreſſions to confeſs; may we ſo deeply mourn over thoſe of the paſt week that we may not again commit them; and O merciful Father, may our love to thee caſt out all ſloth and fear, that nothing may ſeem too hard for us to do or ſuffer in obedience to thy holy will. We entreat thee, O God, for all who have done us good or are in any way endeared to us, that thou wilt hear us for them, and them for us, and according to thy great bounty, preſerve and bleſs them, and return all their kindneſs ſevenfold into their boſoms. And we would commend to thy fatherly compaſſion all who are in error and ſincerely ſeek the truth, all ſuch as are deſtitute of the neceſſary means of inſtruction, all that are engaged in ſinful courſes, all that labour under trials and afflictions, all ſick and dying perſons, and alſo ſuch as never pray to thee or have thee in their thoughts. We beſeech thee to have mercy upon them, and help them in thine own beſt way. O God, who ſlumbereſt not and art never weary;

watch over us this night, and grant that in the morning we may aſſemble with our brethren in thy ſanctuary, and lift up to thee holy hands. We aſk it as humble diſciples of Jeſus Chriſt. Amen.

When any of the foregoing prayers are unſuitable, one of the following may be uſed:—

SUNDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY God our heavenly Father, who haſt made this a glad day by the reſurrection of thy Son Jeſus Chriſt from the dead; we humbly and heartily thank thee for all thy goodneſs and loving-kindneſs to us, and eſpecially for the unſpeakable bleſſing of the Chriſtian religion, whereby thou haſt united us to thyſelf by the moſt endearing ties, and given us an inheritance reaching through all ages. The heaven of heavens is not able to contain thee, and yet art thou pleaſed to manifeſt thy preſence amongſt the ſons of men by thy ſignal favours. O Lord,

moſt High, enlarge our capacities that we may know thee better, and do thou quicken in us all holy affections. Caſt out from us worldly deſires and everything that is impure, that in our worſhip and meditations this day, not one thought or feeling may be entertained by us but ſuch as may be like perfume breathing from the altar of incenſe, and not a word paſs our lips but may have the accent of heaven upon it, and riſe acceptably to thy throne. Receive, O Lord God, we beſeech thee, into the fellowſhip of our prayers, our friends and relations, all who deſire our petitions and all who need them. Grant an eſpecial portion of thy Spirit to the miniſters of thy Goſpel. May they never doubt that thou wilt bleſs a holy life, and a faithful miniſtry. Pitifully behold the ſorrows of our hearts, and mercifully pardon all our ſins. Increaſe in all men the ſpirit of wiſdom, and obedience, and zeal, and devotion, and charity. Make thyſelf known to thoſe who have never known thee, and bring home thoſe who have gone aſtray from thy ways. Hear and accept us, O God, for thy great love in Jeſus Chriſt. Amen.

SUNDAY EVENING.

MANY, O Lord God, are the tokens thou haſt vouchſafed to us that our ſouls are precious in thy ſight. O may there not be wanting in our hearts a warm reſponſe to thy fatherly love. We adore thee for thy infinite goodneſs; we thank thee for thy loving-kindneſs and wonderful works to the children of men; and we would eſpecially glorify thy name for revealing thyſelf to us by Jeſus Chriſt, for cauſing the Holy Scriptures to be written as a rule and guide of our lives, and for the encouragements thou haſt offered us to look to thee for thy continued help and bleſſing. When we draw nigh to thee through thy Son, we feel that we have indeed need of thy pardoning mercy. Even when we have done no evil thing, how often have we been wanting in fervour, in truſtfulneſs, in patience, in holineſs, in kindneſs, in well-doing. Lord, for thy tender mercy's ſake, lay not our ſins to our charge, but forgive us what is paſt, and grant us grace to amend our lives according to thy word. Thou who as on this day didſt raiſe thy beloved Son from the dead, and make him the firſt-fruits of them that ſlept, grant that we through him may riſe from the

death of ſin to a life of righteouſneſs, and as we believe him to have aſcended into the heavens, ſo may we alſo in mind and heart thither aſcend, and dwell with him continually at thy right hand. Amen.

MORNING.

GRACIOUS Lord God, who doſt bid the light to ſhine out of darkneſs, and haſt refreſhed us with ſleep during the night; we beſeech thee of thy great mercy to receive our humble praiſe and ſupplications. We come before thee, truſting in thy fatherly love revealed to us by Jeſus Chriſt. Give to us, we beſeech thee, everything that thou ſeeſt to be good for us, and enable us to be true helpers of each other's joy. Thou haſt cauſed the Holy Scriptures to be written for our inſtruction; grant that we may receive them in a teachable diſpoſition, and make it our daily endeavour to walk in the bleſſed ſteps of our Saviour's moſt holy life. We confeſs, O Lord, our manifold ſins, and implore thy pardon. Give us a right underſtanding of ourſelves, and let it be our daily

ſtudy and our chief concern to live as thy faithful children. But ſince we are in the midſt of ſo many and ſo great dangers, that by reaſon of our frailty we cannot always ſtand upright, we beſeech thee to grant us ſuch ſtrength and protection as may ſupport us in all dangers, and carry us ſafely through all our temptations. In all troubles and adverſities, whenſoever they oppreſs us, give us comfort and ſure confidence in thee. Increaſe our faith, inſpire us with a lively hope, and pour into our hearts that moſt excellent gift of charity, the very bond of perfectneſs, without which whoſoever liveth is counted dead before thee. That we may truly pleaſe thee, ſhed down upon us the continual dew of thy bleſſing. O God, from whom all holy deſires, all good counſels, and all juſt works do proceed; give us thy ſervants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be ſet to obey thy commandments, and alſo that by thee we being defended in every hour of danger may paſs our time in reſt and quietneſs. This we humbly beg as diſciples of thy Son Jeſus Chriſt. Amen.

EVENING.

O THOU who art nigh to all that call upon thee, to all that call upon thee in truth; we bow down before thee, and would thank thee, in the ſpirit of thy Son, for thy loving-kindneſs to us this day. We thank thee for all thy works of goodneſs and mercy, but above all for thoſe holy affections whereby thou doſt unite us to thyſelf. O God, give us hearts to love and obey thee, that we may be thy children, not in name only, but alſo in deed and in truth. Always bearing in mind that thou haſt placed us here to grow in thy likeneſs as well as to partake of thy bounty, may it be our chief aim and happineſs to do thy perfect will. May we not too earneſtly deſire to be preſerved from difficulties and ſufferings or to live many years on earth; but we would moſt fervently aſk of thee that life of the ſpirit, to which thou wilt add length of days for ever and ever. Merciful Father, forgive our many paſt ſins, our ſelfiſhneſs, our thoughtleſſneſs, our infirmities of temper, and our dulneſs in ſpiritual things. May we feel the bleſſed influence of the religion of Jeſus in all the relations and duties of life. Eſtabliſh our feeble reſolutions, and in the ſeaſon of wearineſs and

temptation, be with us to refreſh and ſtrengthen us. Hear our prayers, O God, for all our fellow-men, and especially thoſe to whom thou haſt more cloſely united us. Thou knoweſt their wants and their ſorrows, the number of their tranſgreſſions and the meaſure of their repentance; look upon them as well as ourſelves with thy merciful kindneſs, and haſten the time when with one mind and one heart we ſhall all joyfully ſerve thee in simplicity and godly ſincerity, by thy grace, through our Lord Jeſus Chriſt. Our Father, &c.

MORNING.

O GOD, our loving Father; at the dawn we come to bring our pſalm of thanksgiving for the night and its reſt, for the morning and its light, for our friends and their love, for life and its duties, and for all the bleſſings of thy gracious Providence. And we would this and every day adore thee not only for thy fatherly goodneſs in our earthly lot, but alſo for the truths, and the hopes, and the helps which are ours as diſciples of thy Son Jeſus Chriſt, in whom we feel the fulneſs of thy love. O Lord our God, quicken

in us holy purpoſes and generous and heavenly affections, and ſtrengthen us to overcome thoſe ſins and weakneſſes, of which thou knoweſt, and for which we now aſk thy merciful forgiveneſs. By thy gentle chidings, if not by thy divine precepts, O ſave us from a vain, ſelfiſh, uſeleſs life. We thank thee for having cloſely linked our lot with that of many fathers and brethren, to whom we pray thee unite us in the bonds of thy Spirit. Unto thee, O God, we offer up ourſelves, beſeeching thee to preſerve and guide us, to direct our hands and minds and tongues to things that are honeſt and acceptable to thee, and to withdraw us from anything from which it were better to abſtain. Our Father, &c.

EVENING.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, almighty and everliving God, to whom the night ſhineth as the day; vouchſafe, we beſeech thee, as thou haſt this day preſerved us by thy goodneſs, ſo ſtill this night to ſhadow us under the bleſſed wing of thy moſt mighty protection. We would remember that it is thou who haſt ſpread our table and filled our cup, thou who haſt given

the labourer his ſtrength of arm, the wiſe man his clear underſtanding, and the friend his loving heart. We thank thee for theſe bleſſings, and for the fair and fruitful earth in which thou haſt given us an abode, and for the light that has ſhone down upon us from heaven. And now that we are weary we bleſs thee for the welcome reſt, in which the powers of body and of mind are renewed. We adore thee, O Lord God, that through thy Son Jeſus Chriſt, thou haſt made thyſelf known to us as a Being, to whom we may not only bring our pſalm of thankſgiving, but alſo fly for help in our need, and for forgiving mercy in our ſins and infirmities. Hear, we beſeech thee, the ſilent confeſſion of each heart, and accept our contrition, and ſtrengthen us that we may not commit to-morrow or at any future time the faults for which we now aſk pardon. O God, give us a faith that ſhall never be reproved, a thankfulneſs that ſhall never forget thy benefits, a hope that ſhall never make us aſhamed, a charity that ſhall never fail, a patience that ſhall never faint, and a noble Chriſtian courage, that ſhall enable us through evil report and through good report to fulfil our duties as true diſciples of thy Son. Grant, O Lord, to our land proſperous ſeaſons, good government, unity, peace, and, above all, heartfelt devotedneſs to thee

and rich meaſures of thy Spirit. Unite us to our relations and friends by offices of love, and all of us to thee by frequent communion and by deeds of holineſs and piety, through our Saviour Jeſus Chriſt. Amen.

MORNING OR EVENING.

O GOD, who art the Fountain of life and health, of truth and peace, of holineſs and of love; who giveſt to them that want, who pardoneſt them that repent, who comforteſt them that ſuffer, and who heareſt the prayers of all them that humbly and fervently call upon thee: we bring to thee our offering of lowly thanksgiving for thy mercies from day to day vouchſafed to us; and we beſeech thee to help us by thy grace, that we may be enabled to fulfil our Chriſtian duties. Take from us all blindneſs of heart and careleſſneſs of ſpirit; increaſe in us a love of holy things, and grant us true repentance and the forgiveneſs of our ſins. O may we never knowingly tranſgreſs thy holy laws. We have full confidence that thou wilt not try us beyond our ſtrength, or ſmite us but with a father's rod. Reſcue us, O merciful Father,

from the evils we have done, and preſerve us from the evils we have deſerved. Though in the things wherein our conſciences do not accuſe us, we are not juſtified but by thy grace in Chriſt Jeſus, yet, O Lord, do we hope in thy mercy, and beg of thee that thou wilt pardon and keep us this day and evermore. Sanctify and ſave us; bleſs us at home and abroad, in the works of our calling and the ſervices of religion, in our perſons and all our relations; make us to do what pleaſeth thee, and to be what thou haſt deſigned us to be, and to receive what thou haſt promiſed, through our deareſt Lord and Saviour. Our Father, &c.

MORNING OR EVENING.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of mercies, we, thine unworthy ſervants, do give thee moſt humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodneſs and loving-kindneſs to us and to all men. We bleſs thee for our creation, preſervation, and all the bleſſings of this life; but above all, for thine ineſtimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, for the means of grace and for the hope of glory. And, we beſeech thee,

give us ſuch a ſenſe of thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we may ſhow forth thy praiſe, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourſelves to thy ſervice, and by walking before thee in holineſs and righteouſneſs all our days, according to the Goſpel of thy Son. Moſt merciful God, we are conſcious that we have offended againſt thy holy laws, and that though we have ſo often confeſſed our ſins before thee, we have yet continued to do many things which we ought not to have done, and to leave undone many things which we ought to have done. Grant unto us, we earneſtly beſeech thee, true repentance and thy Holy Spirit, that thoſe things may pleaſe thee which we do at this preſent time, and that the reſt of our lives hereafter may be pure and holy, ſo that at the laſt we may come to thine eternal joy. O God, the Creator and Preſerver of all mankind, we humbly beſeech thee for all ſorts and conditions of men, that thou wouldſt be pleaſed to make thy way known unto them, thy ſaving health unto all nations. More eſpecially we pray for the good eſtate of the whole Chriſtian church in all parts of the world; that it may be ſo guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profeſs and call themſelves Chriſtians may be led into the way

of truth, and hold the faith in unity of ſpirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteouſneſs of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodneſs all thoſe who are in any way afflicted or diſtreſſed in mind, body or eſtate; that it may pleaſe thee to comfort and relieve them according to their ſeveral neceſſities, giving them patience under their ſufferings, and a happy iſſue out of all their afflictions. Our Father, &c.

COLLECTS FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS.

CHRISTMAS.

O GOD, our heavenly Father, whoſe manifold works and Providence are wonderful and glorious; we thank and praiſe thee eſpecially at this time for thine ineſtimable and adorable love and grace in Jeſus Chriſt, and fervently beſeech thee to grant that the joy with which we celebrate the anniverſary of his birth may be followed by a heartfelt conſecration of ourſelves to thee in humble and loving obedience as his faithful diſciples. Amen.

ANOTHER.

O GOD, who haſt always been to mankind a loving Father, and who, when they had wandered away from thee, didſt send thy Son as a Mediator to bear to them

thy meſſages of reconciliation and peace; we adore thee for that unſpeakable goodneſs, which not only ſought out thy loſt children, but worketh continually to accompliſh the purpoſes of thy fatherly grace; and we earneſtly beſeech thee to help us by thy Spirit, that in the time to come we may be enabled to withſtand temptation, and to follow ſteadfaſtly in the holy footſteps of Jeſus Chriſt, our Saviour. Amen.

THE CLOSE OF THE YEAR.

O GOD, our heavenly Father, who haſt brought us to the cloſe of another year; we thank thee for its many bleſſings, which are more than even the grateful heart can remember, or any human wiſdom fully underſtand. We lament the precious opportunities we have neglected, and humbly pray thee to forgive us our ſins. O Lord God, we ſpend our years as a tale that is told, but give us grace, we beſeech thee, that we may make haſte in our preparation for the world thathath no end. Amen.

GOOD FRIDAY.

O HOLY and everbleſſed God, who doſt aſk abundant labours and ſacrifices from thoſe whoſe ſufferings are ſweetened by much love; we thank thee eſpecially at this time for ſending thy beſt beloved Son to live and die for us men and our ſalvation; and we fervently beſeech thee to breathe into us ſuch a meaſure of his ſpirit, that we alſo may be willing to bear our croſs, not for our own correction and profit alone, but alſo for the welfare of our brethren of thy great human family. We aſk it as humble diſciples of him who loved us and gave himſelf for us, our deareſt Lord and Saviour. Amen.

ANOTHER.

O LORD God, who by the death of thy Son haſt ſhown thy great mercy to mankind, and ſet before us an example of perfect filial love and obedience; grant, we beſeech thee, that while we this day contemplate the croſs of our Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt we may be filled with his ſpirit, and that we may be enabled to offer ourſelves up entirely, as he did, to thy holy will. Amen.

EASTER.

O LORD God, our heavenly Father, who, by the reſurrection of thy Son Jeſus Chriſt from the dead, haſt made this a day of gladneſs to the Chriſtian Church; grant, we beſeech thee, that we may, by thy grace, endeavour to live as thoſe who have been placed on earth to prepare for a heavenly inheritance, and that amidſt the uncertainties of life, and the ſhadows of mortality, we may have peaceful and happy thoughts of the world to come. Amen.

WHIT SUNDAY.

O GOD, our heavenly Father, to whom we look, not only for the ſupport of our bodies, but alſo the renewal of our ſpirits; we would thank thee eſpecially at this time for the wonderful richneſs and variety of thy ſpiritual gifts, whereby thou didſt fit thy choſen teachers of old for their appointed work, and wouldſt alſo enable all mankind to become mutual helpers and to bring forth the fruits of righteouſneſs, and peace, and joy; grant, we fervently beſeech thee, that by opening our ſouls to thy moſt holy Spirit, we may rejoice in thy heavenly guidance and

comfort, and be partakers of the fulneſs of thy grace in Jeſus Chriſt. Amen.

FOR A FRUITFUL SEASON: TO BE USED IN SPRING.

O GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all things, who cauſeſt the graſs to grow for the cattle, and herb for the ſervice of man, who bringeſt forth food out of the earth, and doſt bleſs the ſpringing thereof; look down graciously, we beſeech thee, from thy habitation in heaven upon us thy people, and upon the land in which we dwell, and grant that both it may become fruitful and yield its increaſe, and that we may grow in wisdom and in goodneſs, and bring forth plentifully the fruit of good works, as faithful diſciples of him who said "I am the vine, ye are the branches." Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR A FRUITFUL SEASON.

WE thank thee, O God, for having opened to us thy good treaſure and given rain from heaven and fruitful ſeaſons, filling our hearts with food and gladneſs. Grant, we beſeech thee, that we may never forget or abuſe thy goodneſs, but by a ſober, charitable, and devout

uſe of thy bleſſings, may be made fit for the continual increaſe of them, till they be perfected in eternal life. Amen.

IN TIME OF SCARCITY.

GOD, our merciful Father, in whom we live and move and have our being; whoſe gift it is that the rain doth fall, and the earth is fruitful, and thy creatures that dwell on the earth do multiply; behold, we beſeech thee, the afflictions of thy people; and grant that the ſcarcity which we now ſuffer, may through thy goodneſs be turned into plenty; increaſe the fruits of the earth by thy heavenly benediction; and grant that we, receiving thy bountiful liberality, may uſe the ſame for our ſupport in a life of holineſs and well-doing and for the relief of thoſe who are in want. This deliverance from our diſtreſs we beg, O Lord our God, in humble ſubmiſſion to thy holy will. Amen.

CIRCUMSTANCES OF ESPECIAL GLADNESS.

LORD, our God, we come before thee at this time under a ſenſe of thine eſpecial goodneſs to us, and would pour

out our hearts to thee in thankfulneſs and praiſe. What are we, O Lord, and what is our father's house, that the great God of angels, the Creator of worlds, should multiply upon us his bounties? May thy love to us call forth our love to thee and to one another, and fill us with the deſire to prove ourſelves thy faithful children; and when the time comes for us to learn thoſe leſſons of ſorrow, which ſeem neceſſary for us all, O then may memory unite with faith and hope in enabling us to commit ourſelves wholly to thee in well-doing, as true diſciples of him whoſe obedience was perfected on the croſs. Amen.

IN TIME OF TROUBLE.

GOD, our heavenly Father, the only peace of the troubled heart; to thee we bring our preſent cares and anguiſh, and lay them down before thee, beſeeching thee to help us to bear the burden of them, to gather wiſdom from them, to derive from them all the good thou didſt purpoſe, and to endure them with lowly and loving patience, till in thine own good time thou ſhalt turn our ſorrows into joy. Amen.

ANOTHER.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who art our refuge and help in every ſeaſon of trouble; as lowly children we would come to thee in the affliction which now caſts its ſhadow over our home. We beſeech thee to let this cloud paſs from us; but ſtill more earneſtly we would pray, that in a teachable ſpirit we may learn the leſſons of thy fatherly Providence, and with loving patience bear and do thy holy will. We aſk it as humble diſciples of Jeſus Chriſt. Amen.

THE BIRTH OF A CHILD.

O GOD, our gracious Father, we thank thee for all thy goodneſs and mercy to us, and eſpecially at this time for the child thou haſt brought into being, and entruſted to our care. We earneſtly beſeech thee to help us by thy grace, that we may all in our ſeveral relations fulfil our duty to this dear and helpleſs little one. And for the life thou haſt ſpared to us, we would bring to thee our heart's beſt praiſe, with humble ſupplications for thy continued bleſſing on the mother and child, and every member of this family. Amen.

IF THE CHILD BE DEAD THE FOLLOWING MAY BE USED.

GOD, our merciful Father, we thank thee for thy gracious Proidence over thy handmaid in the ſeaſon of childbirth. In full reliance on thy fatherly wiſdom and goodneſs we would reſign to thee the life which thou haſt withheld; and we give thee our humble and heartfelt thanks for the life of the mother, which thou haſt preſerved. Grant, we beſeech thee, that by the mercies of thy Providence, and by the help of thy Spirit, and by thy bleſſings in Jeſus Chriſt, ſhe may walk in thy ways, and long be ſpared to ſtrengthen the hearts of thoſe to whom thou haſt united her by the cloſeſt ties of kindred and love. Amen.

THE MARRIAGE OF A SON OR DAUGHTER.

GOD, our heavenly Father, we thank thee that the voice of the bride and the bridegroom is heard in the land, and we would aſk thy bleſſing on the ſon (or daughter) of this houſe, and the wife (or huſband) of *his* choice. Grant, we earneſtly beſeech thee, that they may be united in the bonds of thy Spirit, and that they may have joy in each other which passeth not

away. Help them by thy grace to perform their duties to each other and to all men, as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, and let thy peace and blessing go with them to their new home, and abide with them, till it be exchanged for the blessed and everlasting home in heaven. Amen.

BEFORE A TIME OF SEPARATION.

GOD, who art everywhere present, and by thy fatherly love and universal Providence uniteſt those who are far apart; be with each of us, we beseech thee, in our coming separation; may our prayers rise up to thee in one spirit, if not from one place; grant, if it be good in thy sight, that we may happily meet again in this life; but above all, vouchsafe to us a part in the resurrection of the just, and a joyful and everlasting reunion in thy heavenly kingdom, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

FOR THOSE WHO JOURNEY.

LORD our God, protect and bless those who journey. How far soever they may be from earthly friends, may

they feel the loving preſence of their Almighty Father, and may they and we ſo live, that when our journey through this world of probation is at an end, we may all by thy grace be admitted into that bleſſed heavenly country, which thou haſt prepared for us as our abiding home. Amen.

MEETING AFTER SEPARATION.

O GOD, who art everywhere preſent, ſo that whitherſoever we go we are upheld by the same mighty hand and fatherly grace which are our ſupport and comfort at home; we thank thee for having preſerved us all and again brought us together, and for thoſe ſacred ties of love and friendſhip which gladden our meeting; and we beſeech thee to unite us more cloſely in thé ſpirit of thy Son Jeſus Chriſt, and in the hope of everlaſting reunion in thy heavenly kingdom. Amen.

FOR ONE WHO IS SICK.

O LORD God, who loveſt to heal and bleſs; we beſeech thee to heal the ſickneſs of our dear *brother*, for whom we

would offer up our prayers; but, O gracious Father, we know how ignorant we are of what outward lot is for our higheſt good, and we would remember that the trials of life come not without thy permiſſion, or thy powerful preſence to turn them into bleſſings. Grant that with a teachable and truſtful ſpirit we may receive all the diſpenſations of thy allwiſe Providence, and that living or dying we may be thine in Chriſt. Amen.

MEETING AFTER SICKNESS.

O GOD, who forgiveſt our iniquities, and healeſt our diſeaſes, and redeemeſt our lives from deſtruction; we give thee our heartfelt thanks for raiſing up thy ſervant from the bed of ſickneſs, and for all thy mercies to *him* and to us in *his* hours of ſuffering and diſtreſs. Grant, we beſeech thee, that this inſtance of bodily frailty may bring powerfully home to each of us, that here below we are in our mortal ſtate, and fill us with thankfulneſs and joy that by thy Son Jeſus Chriſt thou haſt revealed to us the glories and bleſſedneſs of thy heavenly kingdom. O Lord God, help us to become faithful children to thee; and ſo prepare

us for the great change, that we may paſs through death to the fellowſhip of the holy and good, and to the life which ſhall never end. Amen.

THE DEATH OF A MEMBER OF THE FAMILY.

HEAVENLY Father, who haſt in thine infinite wiſdom and goodneſs ſeen fit to take from us our dear departed *brother;* we thank thee for a life ſo precious to us, and for the bleſſed confidence we feel, that although it has ceaſed here below it will be continued in a better world; we bleſs thee for the helps and the comforts thou haſt vouchſafed to *him* and to us; and we earneſtly beſeech thee to give us the ſpirit of entire reſignation to thy will, and to ſtrengthen us by thy grace, that we may always look forward to the eternal world with a firm faith and bright anticipations, and labour with all diligence to prepare ourſelves and to help each other to prepare for the inheritance of thy ſaints in glory. We aſk it as humble diſciples of thy Son Jeſus Chriſt. Amen.

IN TIME OF GENERAL SICKNESS.

ALMIGHTY and everbleſſed God; in the midſt of life we are in death; of whom ſhall we ſeek for ſuccour but of thee, O Lord? Have pity upon us, we beſeech thee, and turn from us this preſent great ſickneſs and mortality. Succour and ſtrengthen thoſe who lie ſtretched on the bed of ſuffering; open the fountains of brotherly charity and kindneſs; and give to all of us grace to reſign ourſelves into thy hands with unfeigned contrition and humble hope. O Lord our God, whatever thou mayſt ſee to be beſt for us in this world, grant that we may be thine in Chriſt for evermore. Amen.

WHEN GENERAL HEALTH IS RESTORED.

BLESSED be thy goodneſs, O Lord, which hath preſerved ſo many of us alive in the midſt of a great mortality, and hath reſtored health to the people of this land. Thou haſt been our refuge and our fortreſs, our God in whom we truſt. Grant, we beſeech thee, that we may devote our renewed ſtrength to thee with increaſed zeal and earneſtneſs, as true diſciples of thy Son Jeſus Chriſt. Amen.

IN TIME OF WAR.

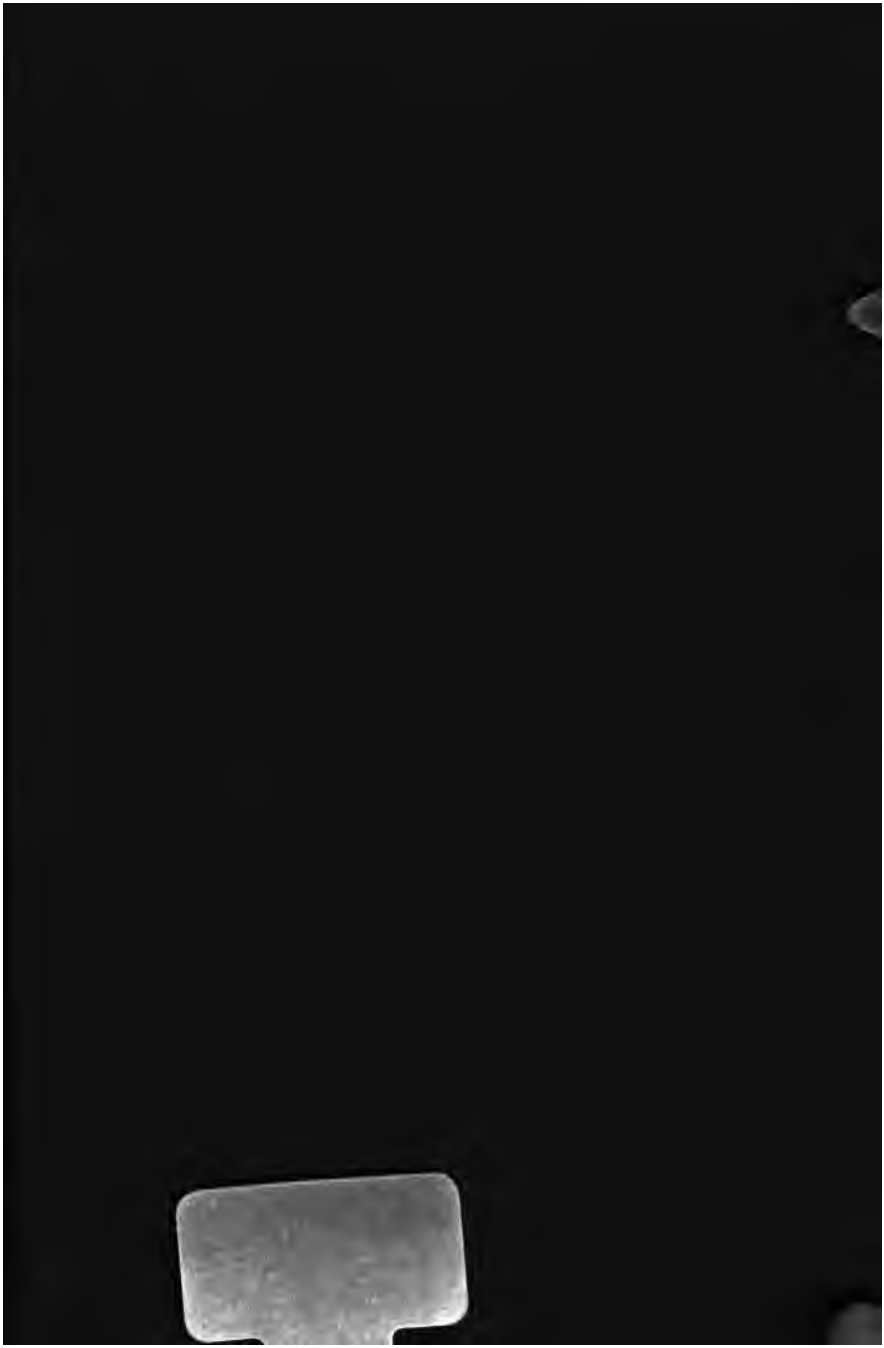
O LORD God Almighty, bow down thine ear to our prayers, and ſtretch forth thine hand to ſtay the terrible ſcourge of war, which is now afflicting our nation. In thy fatherly mercy set bounds, we beſeech thee, to the evils, which the ſons of men bring upon each other, and do thou give us grace to receive into our hearts the Goſpel of peace, and to live as true diſciples of him whoſe kingdom is not of this world, but a kingdom of righteouſneſs, and peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. Amen.

WHEN PEACE IS RESTORED.

BLESSED be the Lord, who hath cauſed wars to ceaſe, and made thoſe who were our enemies to be at peace with us. It is thou, O Lord, who ſtilleſt the noiſe of the ſeas, the noiſe of their waves, and the tumult of the people. We praiſe and thank thee for our deliverance from the terrible evils of war, and we moſt earneſtly beſeech thee to fill us with the ſpirit of kindneſs and forbearance, that no bitterneſs may remain in our hearts, and to grant us grace to

lead henceforth a quiet and peaceable life in all godlineſs and honeſty, through our Lord Jeſus Chriſt. Amen.

COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED.

ETERNAL God, in whom the ſpirits of juſt men do reſt in peace from their labours; we bleſs and praiſe thy holy name for all thy ſervants departed this life in thy faith and fear, and eſpecially for thoſe moſt dear to us, of whom we have good hope that they are fallen aſleep in Jeſus; and we beſeech thee to give us grace ſo to follow their good example, that even here we may be united to them in fellowſhip of ſpirit, and that finally we may be gathered together with them into the boſom of thy love, through our Lord Jeſus Chriſt. Amen.

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